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VOLUME I

"EARLY SCHOOLS OF NOBLE COUNTY"

Is being dedicated to-

ALL THE ONE-ROOM SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OF EARLY NOBLE COUNTY

BY T. C. HOLCOMB, Author and Collector of these contents.

This eighty-two page book "VOLUME I - EARLY SCHOOLS OF NOBLE COUNTY,features eighty photographs of students; school teachers; school administrators; narrative and facts; and maps designating the names and locations of Noble County's one-room schools by townships.

Material for this edition has been extracted from a wealth of material collected and compiled by Noble County Teacher and Historian, Thurlo C. Holcomb on this particular subject over the years. A retired teacher himself, Mr. Holcomb presents, in this first Volume, a vivid narrative description of the "One Room School Era" as he lived it and taught in it.

We are also indebted to and especially thankful for the several interested persons who loaned old photographs which we have used in this edition and which will be used in future volumes of SCHOOLS OF NOBLE COUNTY.

This is the second book we have published for Mr. Holcomb. The first one, "GHOST TOWNS OF NOBLE COUNTY" went on sale just one year ago in 1978. We trust you will enjoy reading this second presentation and that it will enable you to become more knowledgeable of persons, places and things as they relate to the history of Noble County Schools.

We are again indebted to my talented daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. Duane (Nona Kay) Leatherman for striking and impressive SCHOOL HOUSE COVER design.

Schools, classes, facts and people not included in this Volume, may well appear in Volume II on which we are already in the beginning stages.

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EARLY NOBLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

LOOM 1 A

During the 1976 Bicentennial year, everyone was harking back to events and situations of the past, I was inclined to slip back into my yesterdays; and as I do so to record some experiences, observations, memories and"handed down" information, accumulated during my fifty-five years in the public schools of Noble County as a student or teacher during this fast vanishing century.

All those rural schools were very much alike and these remarks are a cross section of the total.

Congressional townships were, and are, six miles square.(A diagram of each township is in this book.)

The normal arrangement was to have the schools two miles apart,each way, making nine in a congressional township. No. 1 being in the Northeast corner of the township and numbering across and back until No. 9 was located in the southwest corner. However, lakes, rivers and other obstacles often prevented this ideal arrangement. Oftimes a man with a large family built a school house on his own land for his and his neighbors' children. The trustee would then take over the maintenance of the school and supply a teacher. For that reason, some townships had more than nine schools.

In 1900 Noble county had 100 or more one-room schools with some enrollments reaching 60 or more. Each teacher taught all pupils from age 6, sometimes age 5, through 18 or 20, if they wished to attend school that long, and some did. In the absence of other activities, school was, to the older pupils, just a social get-to-gether.

Many schools were named in honor of the farmer who donated the land or building or both.

Usually the trustee, who had control of school property and selected and hired teachers, purchased a piece of land at the proper location, and constructed a school building. At other times the farmer who owned the land would donate a tract with the understanding that if and when the building was no longer used for school purposes, the land and building reverted to the farm.

MANY one-room schools were named as follows:

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Union or Bowser
Burr Oak
Good Hope
Fairview or Stage

Independence
Spring Hill
Buzzards Glory
Harpers Ferry or Hen Peck
Shobes or Hopewell

Cosperville
Union
Golden
Centennial
Brush College

WAYNE TOWNSHIP

Centennial
Grannis
Warble or Oak Grove
Kimmell
Stony Ridge or Muskrat
Longyear
Center
Poppy
Sawyer
Forker
Roberts
Oviatt

ELKHART TOWNSHIP

Eddy
Pancake
Poplar Grove
Kansas
Rice
Cosperville
Union
Golden
Centennial

ORANGE TOWNSHIP

Oak Grove or Grannis
Sonday
Center Chapel
Shroyer
Weaver
Cazier or Faux

SPARTA TOWNSHIP

Stones Hill
Greencastle
Slusser
Kreager
Pleasant Valley
Sparta
Indian Village
Broadway
Spangle

YORK TOWNSHIP

Oak Grove
Pleasant Hill
Pucker Street
Mullin
Center
Lake Lucid or Blackman
Crow Hill
Port Mitchell

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

Harvey
Kline
Sweet
Woodruff
Zion
Foster
Center
Hill
Prouty
Rehoboth or Walnut
Anspaugh
Hazel College

ALLEN TOWNSHIP

Allen Chapel
Maple Grove
Collier
Allen Chapel (2)
Pieper
Mt. Pleasant
Germany
Turkey Pen
Singery

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

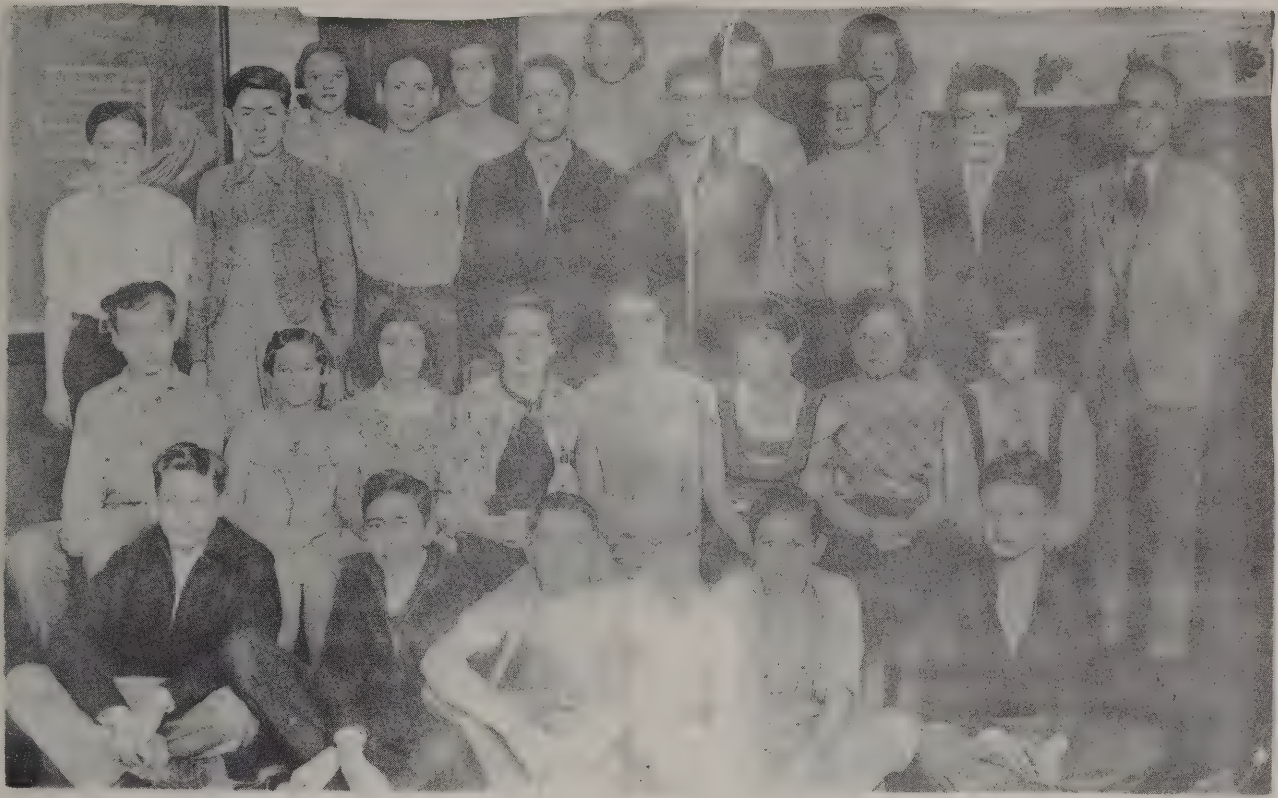
Galloway
Ground Hog
Stringtown
Salem
Center
Brushwood
Oak Hill or Knapp

NOBLE TOWNSHIP

Burr Oak 1840
Pleasant Lake
Adventist
Jones Hollow
BurrOak 1882
Poplar
Stults
Chapel
Little Lake
Bug Island
Wild Cat

WASHINGTON CENTER SCHOOL

Washington Township
1934-1935

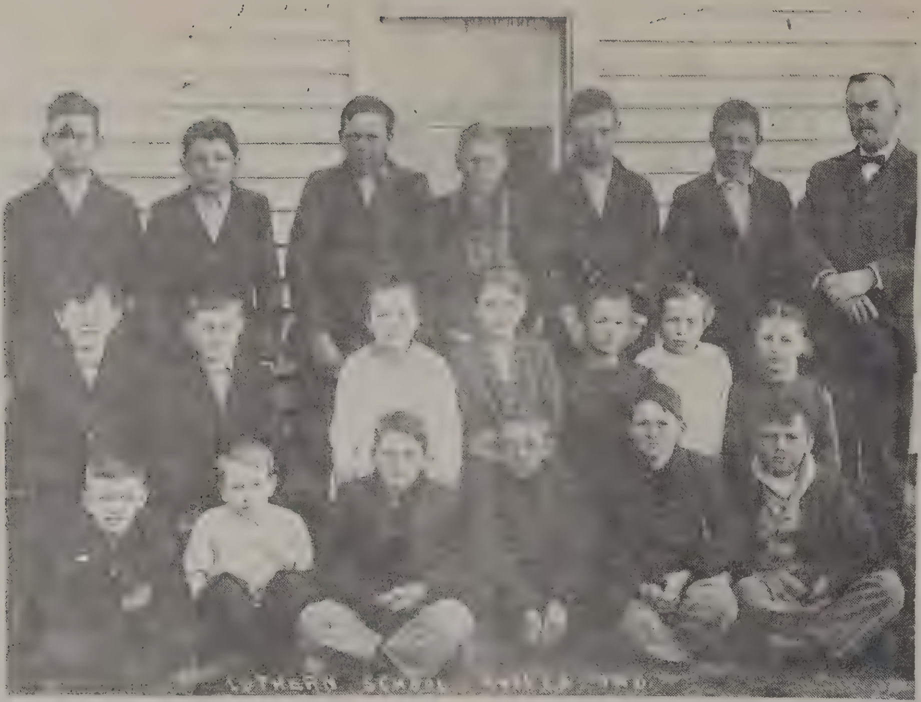


TOP ROW: Elsie Cunningham; Betty Jane Kiester; I[illegible]na Stump; Lucille Jones; Donivan McDonald.
NEXT ROW: Don Wiley; Charles Knapp; Ronald Ha[illegible] William Shock; Gilford Bennet; Virgil Richards; Charles Meyers; Joe Adair - [illegible]er -
NEXT ROW: Kenneth Engle; Betty Scott; Louise Hof[illegible]t; Mary Gilbert; Fredonna Grimes; Doris Birch; Gladys Richards; Cleo Kontz.
BOTTOM ROW: Glen Kunce; Harold Judy; Glenn Kile; Richard Fetters; and Boyd McFarren.
Photo Courtesy Mary Gilbert Schermerhorn-

JOSEPH N. ADAIR

Joseph N. Adair graduated from th[illegible] one-room grade school in Noble [illegible] in 1920. A graduate of Wolf Lake High School in 1924, He has a Master's Degree from Columbia University.
Teaching experience- A one-room school-
Township consolidated Grade School-
Churubusco High School-
Principal of Washington Township Grade [illegible]l
Supt. of Noble County Schools several Years.
Principal of a large Ft. Wayne School from which he retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Adair have a permanent home in Ft. Wayne but spend their winters in Florida. - TCH



REMEMBER WHEN? This picture was taken in 1918 of the students that attended school at IMMANUEL LUTHERAN in Avilla. They are pictured on the east side of the old Parish Hall. The Hall has previously been the church; but was moved into town after the building of the new church. Pictured: Back row, from Left to right is- Ernest Busch, Walter Berkes, Forest Weimer, Lewis Householder, Norman Berkes, Albert Berkes, and Rev. Purzner who was also the teacher. Second row-Maurice Diehm, Walter Weimer, Erma Strater, Anna Keller, Florence Noffze, Gertrude Sibert and Hilda Layman, Third Row: John Lauer, Herman Bauman, John Gienger, Edwin Busch, Harold Gienger, and Robert Berkes.

STULTS SCHOOL - 1915

GREEN TOWNSHIP

Mulberry
Stanley
Summit
Huckleberry
Center
Sugar Grove
Charter Oak
Cherry
Green

SWAN TOWNSHIP

Preston
Hooper
Hopewell
Center
Miller
Kugler
Salem
Haag
Fulk
Rosenburg
Ege

Pupils walked as far as two miles to school and absenteeism among those who came to learn was no greater than among the same age group of today.

A few could go home for lunch but most of them brought a cold snack, eating inside during bad weather and under a shade tree on sunny days. Many times, in the spring when the mud was deep,(hard surfaced roads were non-existant in rural areas.) some youngsters wore rubber boots to school and then changed to shoes. On occasion, parents would bring their children, but only if the roads and weather were very bad. Trudging through the mud and snow gave the youngsters a strong constitution that enabled them to combat and throw off most of the "bugs" that attacked them.

Most rural schools had a well on the grounds, but even so, it was usually out of order and water was carried from a near-by spring or farm house. Water was kept in either an open bucket or a covered(sometimes) earthen urn with a faucet near the bottom. For many years a common drinking cup was used and the unconsumed water replaced in the container. Later individual drinking cups were mandatory but even then, many used the same cup. The container was seldom cleansed. A wash basin and a dirty cake of soap were available but for upward of 60 pupils to wash their hands would consume a lot of time as well as water, and intermissions were short, at best, and water was scarce and difficult to come by. All plumbing was outside.

During those early years the generous youngsters would "swap" chewing gum and all seemed to think it O.K. A youngster would remain at home for a day if "Aunt Jane", from the city was coming to visit the family, but if he had a cold or an illness which should have kept him at home and in bed, he was sure to come to school to share his infection with his teacher and his young friends. Why any of them lived through it all to tell the story is a good $64 question. But in spite of all those health hazards, it was not uncommon for a pupil to complete an entire term without being absent or tardy. In fact, occasionally one completed the entire eight terms with a perfect record. Those with perfect attendance records received a Roll of Honor.

Most of the early teachers were good instructors and had few disciplinary problems, although one notorious flogger of urchins was reported to have flogged all of his group save two, in the same day. Another had a habit of putting his feet up on his desk, leaning back in his chair, nearly every afternoon and takine a nap. The students planned to slip out quietly some day and let him rest in peace. The day came and all was going well until the last small urchin dropped her lunch pail on the floor, waking the teacher. He hurriedly called them all back and kept them an extra half hour that evening.

Art Linkletter's "Kids Say the Darndest Things" has nothing on a book which teachers could write under the same title, if they wished and if they dared. Most patrons would be extremely embarrassed if they realized how many family secrets and skeletons their innocent and truth-telling darlings revealed -- such as the indebtedness on the family car and farm and who in the community their parents don't like and why-- and other things even more personal. One day while a group of boys was discussing ways and means of fishing, one volunteered that he had seen a fish net "in our upstairs." --Fishnets were illegal. When a certain teacher chastised a little fellow for using profanity in the classroom, he clapped his hand over his mouth and said "Oh, I thought I was at home."

As time approached for the opening of school in the fall, a district wide question plagued both the teacher and the patrons. The question involved the clock. Standard (slow) time has always been with us. But the sun did not appear early enough to please the farmers if they used slow time, so they demanded sun time (some called it some time) which was faster than standard time. But the entire group could not agree on just how much faster- whether 20, 25, 30, or more minutes it should be. There was always a decision, but of course, not without some grumblings. D. S. T. has now solved the time problem in Noble County.

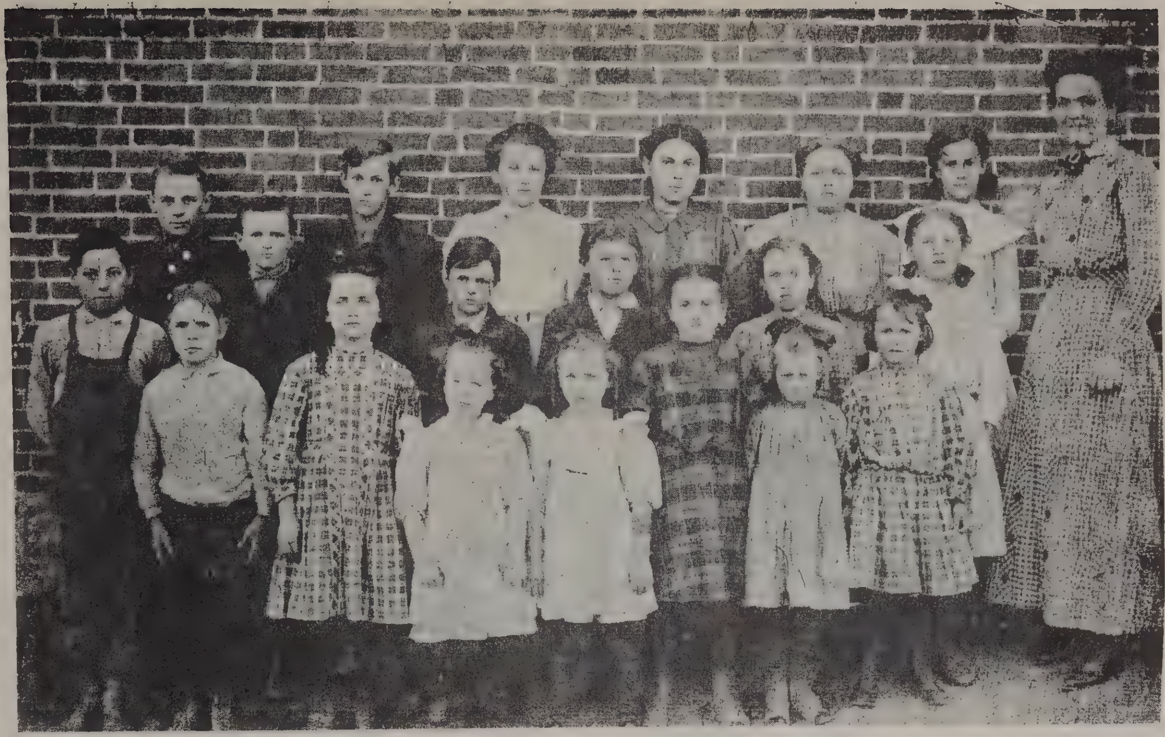
Bells could be heard from one school to another. In that way the area teachers could compare their schedules and check their watches. The first bell usually rang at 8:30 with school convening at 9:00. A fifteen minute recess period was had at 10:30 and the noon hour was from 12:00 until 1:00. The daily schedule closed at 4:00 P.M. with the usual mid afternoon recess at 2:30.

The older buildings were heated with wood (later coal) stoves placed near the center of the room with stove pipes, perhaps 20 feet or more in length, before entering the chimney. It need not be stated that this arrangement was unsatisfactory in real cold weather. Those near the stove were uncomfortably warm and those in the far corners were freezing. Those in the rear wanted neared the stove and those near the stove wanted to move to the rear. Then it was a forward and backward movement all day long or until all were comfortable.

Men were hired to furnish wood for the term. The wood house was filled, if there was one, or long ranks of wood corded near the building, all of which would be carried in by the armload, by the teacher or a large boy or nearby man. The teacher was allowed ten cents per day for janitor work. If she hired it done it usually cost her more than 10 cents per day.

Nothing gave the teacher more distress nor the pupils more joy than when the stove belched out a volume of smoke and soot and tore the joints of pipe apart, strewing ash and soot in generous amounts upon everything in the room. Of course, the pupils were permitted to go home, but the perplexed and bewildered teacher had to contact her trustee in some manner or summon co-operative parents upon whom she knew she could depend.

In some buildings a metal shield surrounded the stove, except the front where the door was located. This shield was supposed to direct the heat upward then out over the room. Even so, pupils near the stove were usually too warm in winter, while those in the rear of the room were too cold.



STUdENTS OF SWEET SCHOOl - 1910 - Teacher - Nellie(Irons)Beckley
First Row; left to right; Gerald Rice; Josie(Homsher Glass; Athene Clayton; Edith Homsher Brackney; Gwendolyn Rice Martin; Mable Rice; Ethel Weimer Reese;
Second Row; left to right; Bruce Moon; Ford Butler; Delois Weimer; Dewey Moon, Pearl Rice; Blanche Hardendorf Leatherman;
Third Row: left to right: Ollie Forker, George Hardendorf; Minnie(Amos)Pratt; Laura Forker Snapp; Raney Rice; Anna Hardendorf Harvey.
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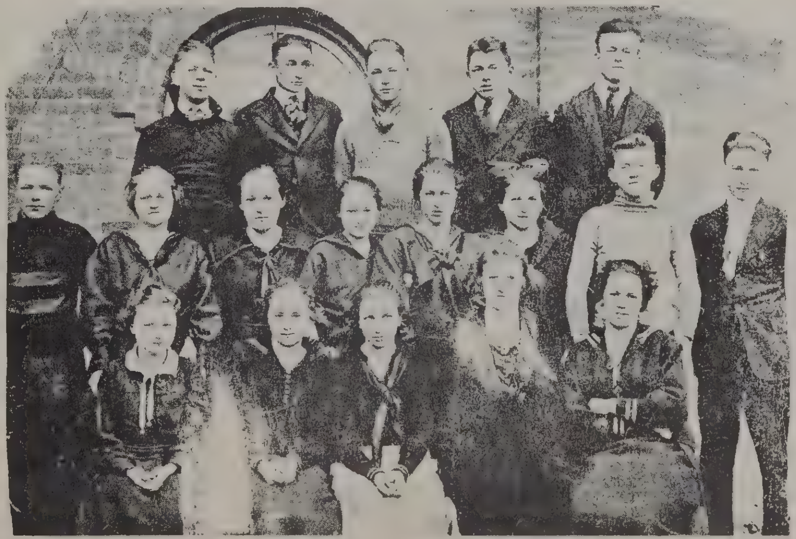
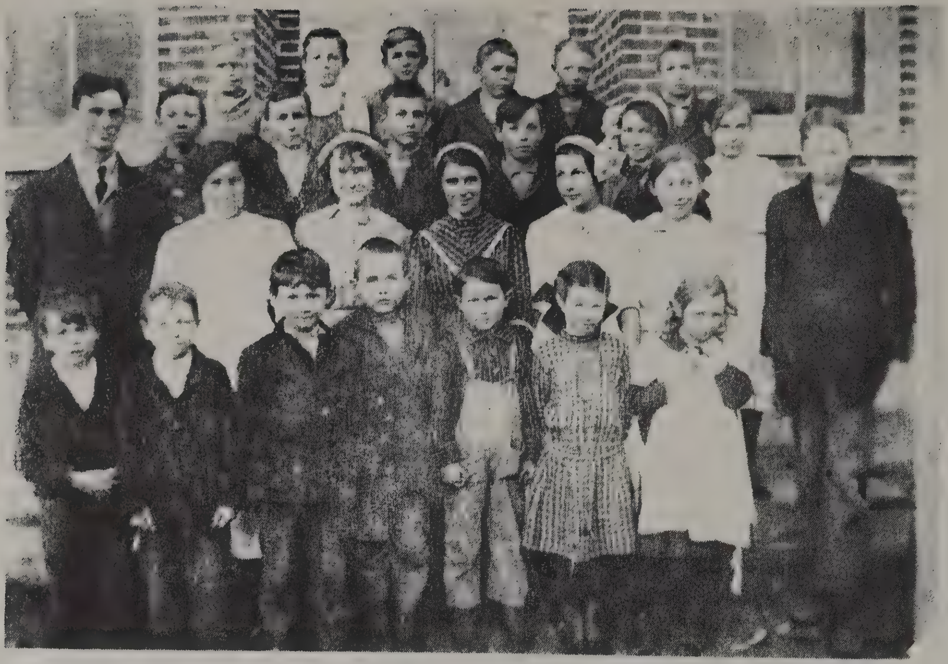
ALBION JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1919



First Row: Alice Eagles Curtis; Elizabeth Cook; Ruth Griffin;
G Blanche Hardendorf Leatherman; Kate Knox.
Second Row: Earl Hoffman; Florence Stevenson; Gladys Kettleborough; Phyllis Brumbaugh; Treadie Cleland; Beatrice Easter; Ralph Gappinger;Dale Hayes.
Back Row: Charles Beck; Joe Gatwood; Harry Butler; Ralph Stanley; Roy Smith.
Riley Smith - father of Roy Smith was the teacher.



YORK TOWNSHIP - OAK GROVE SCHOOL - 1915
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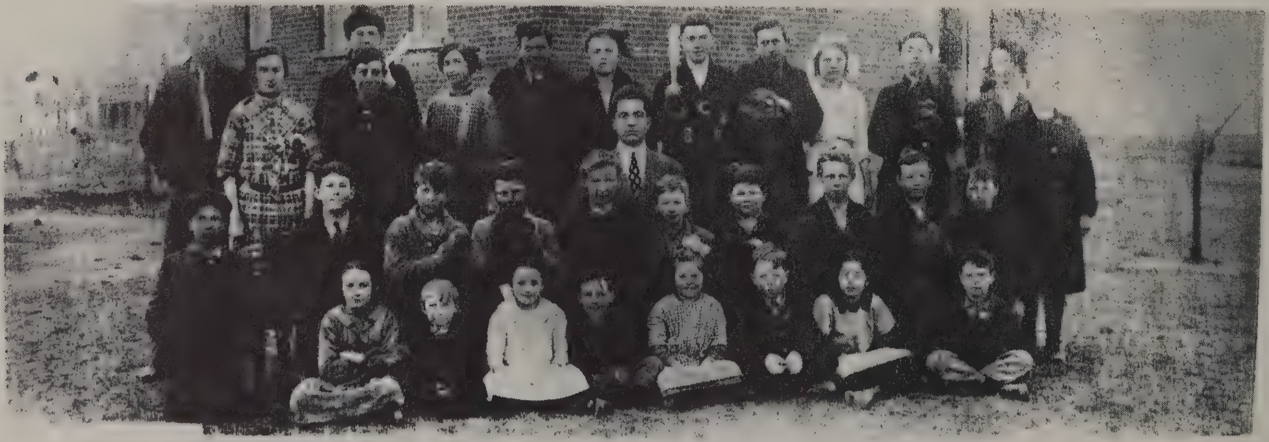
BOTTOM ROW left to right- ___________; Kenneth Black; Porter Black; Allen Becker; Max McClelland, Anna Marquett; Arlene Fulk;
Row Two: Fay Hoffman, Clara McClelland, ________; __McClelland; ____Fulk; Arnold Black.
Third Row: Floyd Cole, teacher; Dallas Black; Therl Black; Ross Fulk,________ __________; Katy Becker.
Top Row: Earl Hoffman; _______Brady Peters; Ira Wright; Vance Fulk; _____Becker.

-Photo Courtesy Ira Wright-



REHOBETH SCHOOL 1914 - 1915

Orville Pressler, Teacher; - - - 1. Birdie V. Miller; 2. Ione Kline; 3. Floyd Hines; 4. Bernard DeCamp; 5. Decamp. Beryl; 6.Virgil Kline; 7. Carna Hiatt; 8. Gertrude Kirkpatrick;9.Purnell Carpenter; 10. Dewey H. Skeels; 11. Frank Wilson; 12.Carl Kirkpatrick; 13.Carl M. Gappinger; 14.Bessie Hockenbarger; 15.Opal Jackson;16.Paul Jackson;17. Claudia Ruffing; 18.Ruby Jackson; 19.Earl Haney; 20.Ivan Kline;21 Homer Melvin; 22.Dale Bushong; 23. Mae Gappinger; 24. Everett Biddle; 25. Dale Dreibelbis; 26.Edith Herron; 27.Kenneth Kline; 28.Neva Brumbaugh; 29.Paul Kline; 30.Ward Jackson; 31.Beryle Febles. -Courtesy of Harold Bushong-

Sometimes boys who lived a considerable distance from school would fight on the way home. The teacher, would then, oftimes, send one home a few minutes ahead of the other, but he would oftimes overcome that handicap and wait down the road a half mile or so for his sparing partner and then take up the "unfinished business."

The teacher's desk was often on a raised platform in the front of the room. In front of the desk was the "recitation seat or bench" to which classes were called to recite. The average one-room school had about 30 classes per day. In order to keep the number of classes to that maximum, some groups had to be combined. The teacher was so busy calling and dismissing classes that she had but little time for individual in-instruction and the student had to (as the saying goes) sink or swim. This brought the initiative of the student into play and in those days nearly all of the 8th grade honor students of the county were from the Little Red School House - not from the City schools.

The County Superintendent of Schools visited each school under his supervision one or two times per term. Monthly institutes were held at several places each month which the Superintendent usually attended. Teachers provided the program and were allowed a day's pay for attendance. Finally just one institute was held at Albion each month. This, we believe was an improvement over the former procedure. Outstanding educators and lecturers could come and give the teachers a worth-while program. Teachers still received a day's pay for attending.

Also, an entire week of institute was held in Albion prior to the opening of school in September. Many teachers made the trip each day while some rented rooms and stayed in Albion for the duration. Usually two or more outstanding educators were hired to instruct and lecture the teachers on doing their job well. Attendance raised the salary a few dollars per term.

Rural schools and high schools outside Kendallville and Ligonier had but seven months per term and high schools had only a three-year course making seventy-seven months of grade and high school as compared with our present 108 months. High School graduates might teach school then by passing a teacher's examination, held monthly from January through August in the examination room of the courthouse, and attending a teacher's training school for twelve weeks. An average of 85 per cent without going below 75 per cent in any subject entitled one to a twelve-month license and she could teach if she had the twelve weeks training and could find a trustee to hire her.

Twenty-four weeks training with a 90 per cent to 80 per cent rating allowed one to teach two terms without further examinations. Three years training and a 95 per cent to 85 per cent rating allowed one to teach three years without further exams. The grade of license one held had some bearing upon the salary. The County Superintendent issued success grades each year, also, which affected the salary some. A successful beginner would receive a success of 85 to 90 while older and more experienced teachers might receive a near 100 per cent in success. Later, examinations and success grades were discarded and college training substituted.

Salaries usually started at near $2.00 per day. We know of a two-teacher high school whose combined salaries, in the early teens, totaled $140.00 per month. Another teacher who drove 27 miles per day received $2.35 per day. Another drove a horse and buggy 17 miles per day for $2.80.

Methods of keeping attendance records with large enrollments varied. Some teachers called the roll by calling names and the pupils woutl answer "present". Others gave the pupils numbers and called for numbers, which was some faster. On occasion, some asked for quotations, memory verses or gems, as the roll was called each morning. One lad who had decorated his desk with scribblings and drawings had been asked by the teacher to clean it up. He obtained soap and water and while scrubbing and applying all the elbow grease at his command, his name was called for the "gem". Without slacking his activities in the least, he responded; "Lazy folks take the most pains."

Examinations were usually held twice each term with promotion depending, primarily, upon the results of the test, except the eighty graders, who were promoted or retained upon the achievement of a county wide test, conducted by a teacher appointed by the County Superintendent and graded by the County Superintendent.

The last day of school was always looked forward to with pleasure. Usually the teacher and pupils had prepared a "last day program" to which the community was invited. The patrons oftimes came early with well-filled baskets as a surprise dinner for the teacher, indicating their approval of the way she had taught the school. However, the surprise was generally too good to keep and some well-meaning little busy body would tell the teacher in advance.

Many times the teacher gave her picture or a booklet containing the names of the pupils as a parting gesture. And about as often the pupils presented her with an appropriate gift or gifts, conveying their affections.

Activities at Christmas time were essentially the same as the last day, except there was no surprise intended.

Many feel that the modern mass-consolidation has left much to be desired.

With slight variations from district to district these rambling remarks give a cross section of the 100 or more one-room schools of Noble County during more than one half of the twentieth century.

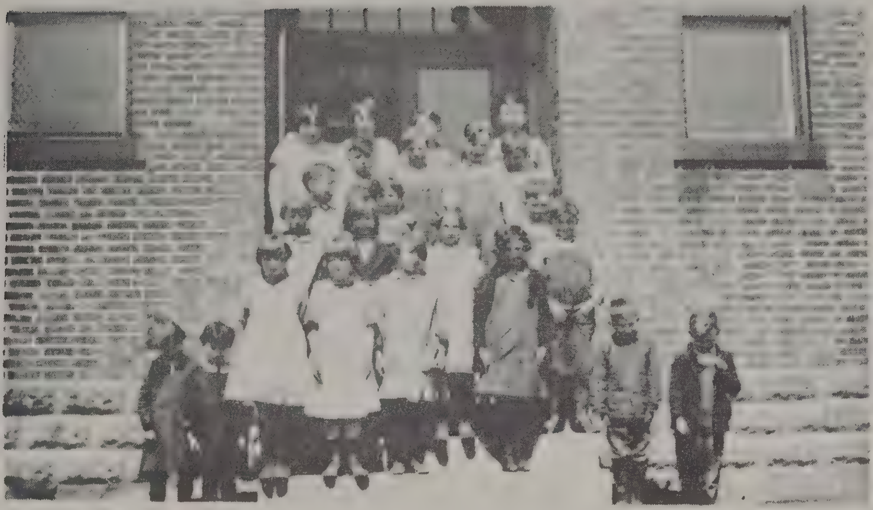
The little red school houses began disappearing, perhaps in mid term when Elkhart Township built a four-room building north of Wawaka, called North Elkhart school. Green Township was the last to abandon the one-room schools in the mid fifties.

We are especially interested in this article in presenting to our readers the Stanley school house in Green Township, four miles south of Skinner lake on County Road 300 East, the only one in the Chain o Lakes State Park.

Marvin Kuhns is credited with burning the Stanley building one night after he and his teacher had experienced a little difficulty during the day. That must have been close to 1880, as Marvin was born in 1867. However, we know of one teacher whom Marvin liked and whenever he was on the loose, he visited her. She visited him different times while he was in the Ohio prison and fellow prisoners remarked upon the good effects the visits had on Marvin.

The next building was used until about 1915 when it too burned. Marvin was innocent this time as he had been shot down in Ohio in 1907. The present building was then constructed, but other than being new, it was but little different from the others. This building did not have double seats as most older buildings had. Instead of a stove, it had a floor furnace in one corner of the room, which was not too much of an improvement.

HUCKLEBERRY SCHOOL
Green Township, Noble Co.
1925 - 1926



DISTRICT No. 6

HUCKLEBERRY SCHOOL
Green Township, Noble Co.
1925 - 1926

FIRST GRADE: Esther Cramer; Enid McCoy; Mary Leitch
SECOND GRADE: Gerald McCoy; Freeda Owen; Lamona Butler, Ronald Diffendarfer
THIRd grade: Harold McCoy; Fay McCoy; Lawrence Herendeen
FOURTH GRADE: Edith Richards; Anna Knack; Leona Diffendarfer; Ruth Leitch
Edna Snell; Dale McCoy
FIFTH GRADE: Leland McCoy; Garry Herendeen
SIXTH GRADE: Jay Snell; Elza McCoy; Earl Richards;
SEVENTH GRaDE: Ethel McCoy; Ruth Cramer; Gladys Leitch; Elda Herendeen.
EIGHTH GRADE: Jessie Snell
Joseph N. Adair, Teacher
Arthur L. Budd, Trustee
C. V. Kilgore, County Superintendent

FOSTER SCHOOL - Jefferson Township 1925 - 1926
Five Miles East of Albion

BOTTOM ROW: Lincoln Gaff; Marion Myers; William Rodman; Lois Weimer.
ROW TWO: Walter Parker; Clarence Schmuck; Ralph Rodman; Lois Weimer.
ROW THREE: Howard Rodman; Russel Shultz; Ray Rodman; Gertrude Schmuck Arnold; Irene Pfafman Dove; Thomas Bauman; Irene Shultz Reid.
ROW FOUR: Pearl Kline Haney; Mae Rodman; Carlin Aztell; Evelyn Rimmell Iddings; Lelia Schmuck Uhl. Teacher - Earl Haney -

SUMMIT SCHOOL

GREEN TOWNSHIP - Dist. NO. I 100 S and 500 E.

There was a well on the grounds but it was usually out of order and water was carried from a spring at the foot of the hill. There was no inside plumbing and no electric lights.

Two Brumbaugh girls, Neva and Helen, attended Stanley school eight consecutive terms without being absent or tardy. One day in January, 1918, these two girls and the teacher were the only ones present during one of the most disagreeable days in many years.

The names of some teachers before 1898 were not available but beginning with that year the following list contains the names of most of the instructors: Not in proper order they are - O. F. Franks; Eva Shirley; Grace Franks; W. H. Favinger; Blanche Bonham; Alice Van Wagner; Frank Hanlon; Carrie Trumbo; Beulah Gard; Guy Favinger; Hazel Brown; Thurlo Holcomb; Flossie Pippinger; Fannie Easterday; Ollie Ragan; Richard Kessler; Mary Clouse; Alice Sherwin; Ruth Ireland; Wilbur Smith; Leo Pippinger; Helen Castetter; Hazel Baker ; and Glen Bushong.

Many Noble county citizens, either for sentimental or historical reasons are extremely interested in reclaiming, preserving and refurnishing this Stanley building for posterity before vandalism and time make it impractical or impossible. Unless it soon receives some affectionate attention, we will be compelled to look at it regretfully and in the words of William Cullen Bryant, say;" Let a few more days and thee, the all beholding sun shall see no more in all his course."

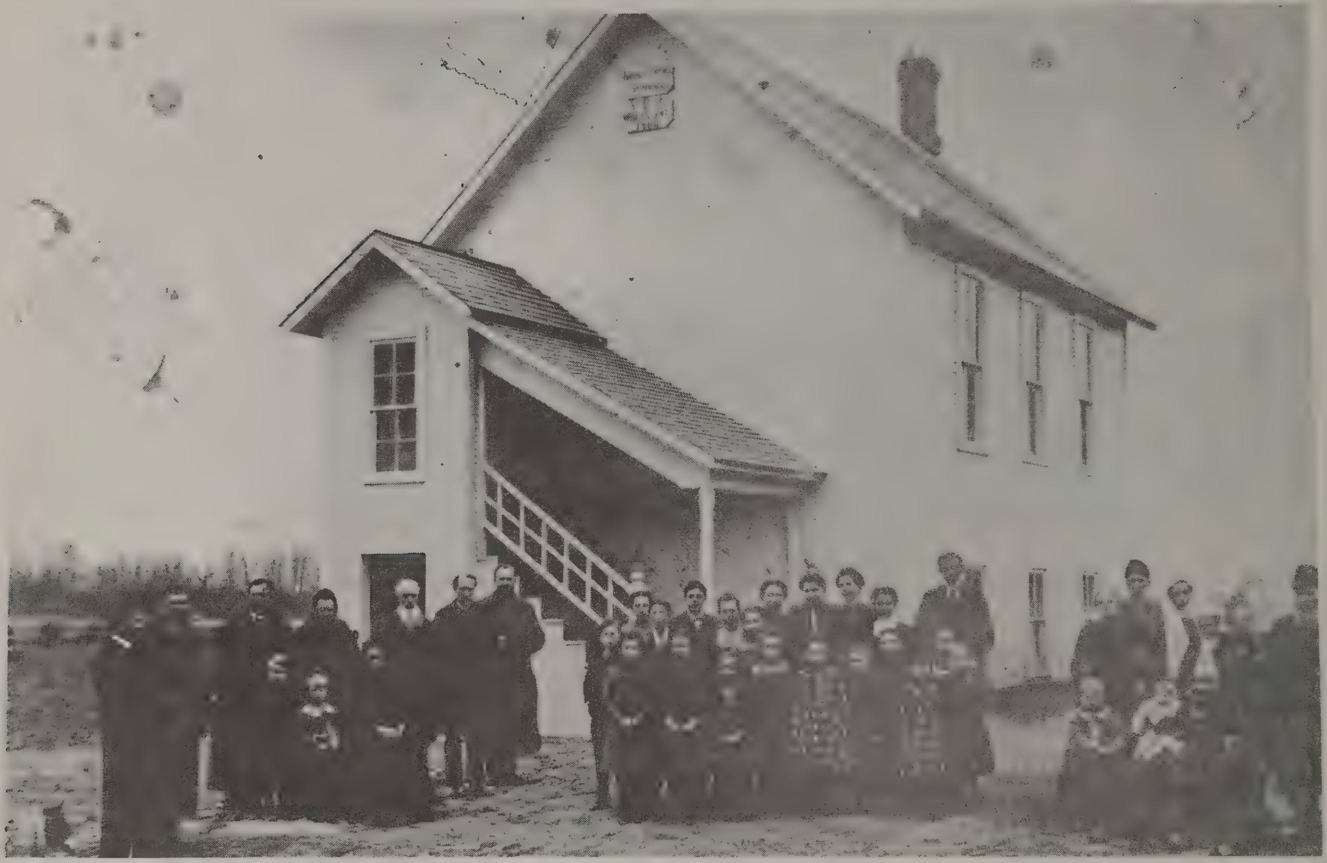
It is a splendid location to be developed into a shrine, a story without words, of the general educational environment of your grandparents, most of your parents and of many of you who read this. Only a few more years and not a living person can give first hand information of this "page from the past," which is fast slipping from us. Let us restore this old building, as nearly as possible, to its original condition.
Written by T. C. Holcomb in the 1960's.

(The old Stanley Schoolhouse is now within the boundaries of the Chain O Lakes State Park and thru efforts of local persons and state funds it is refurbished outside and inside--however, it has not been restored with the effects collected to exemplify the "Little Red Schoolhouse of Yesteryear." At times it is used by the Naturalist for his lectures during the summer park programs. In other words, it has been preserved "after a fashion.) Publishers Note - gel - in 1979.

The buildings had three or four windows on each side, depending on the size of the building. A large portion of the wall back of the teacher's desk was painted black. That was the blackboard. In some schools, the front -of the room was opposite the door. Four or five rows of double (two-pupil) seats and desks extended the length of the room, facing the teacher's desk. A seat and desk comprised one unit. These units were graduated in size so as to accommodate both large and small students. Each unit had four legs with three wood screws fastening each leg to the floor. The seat of the unit was for the desk of the unit in front of it and the desk of the unit was for the seat of the unit behind it. To adjust a seat for closeness to the desk, it was necessary to unscrew one or more units, either in front or behind, and move them forward or backward the necessary distance to make the accommodation.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL - SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS - WOLF LAKE - 1900-

School discontinued in 1918- Located Sec. 3-Noble Twp.Albion Road.



LEFT GROUP OF VISITORS - Herman Hile; Ed Nicodemus; John Crandell; Effie Crandell; Snowden and Hobart Crandell children of John and Effie Crandell; Mrs. John Crandell, Jr.; Grandpa Carpenter; Pastor Darnell and Will Hile.

GROUP AT RIGHT - VISITORS: Jane Hile; Jake Hile; Will Crandell; Mrs. Will Crandell; Leo Crandell and____Crandell, their children; Joe Hile- Baby Lonnie on lap; Mrs. Joe Hile (beside Jake Hile) and John Crandell, Sr.

CENTER GROUP - THE SCHOOL - : Ruie Hile Smith, deceased; Riley Waters,deceased; Elza Graham; Destie Crandell Sweany; Hattie Hile Elser; deceased; Louise Hile Koopman; Effa Kwich, TEACHER; Florence Graham Johnson; Rhena Hile Marker,(Frank's Wife) Docie Hile; Floy Stureman; Gola Hile Wright; Goldie Bradley;Lemon, deceased; Neva Hile; Gladys Crandell Chapman; Letha Hile Nelson, deceased; Maggie Crandell Powers; Neldie Lund; Floe Hile Targgart; Edna Stureman Van Wagner; Lena Lung.

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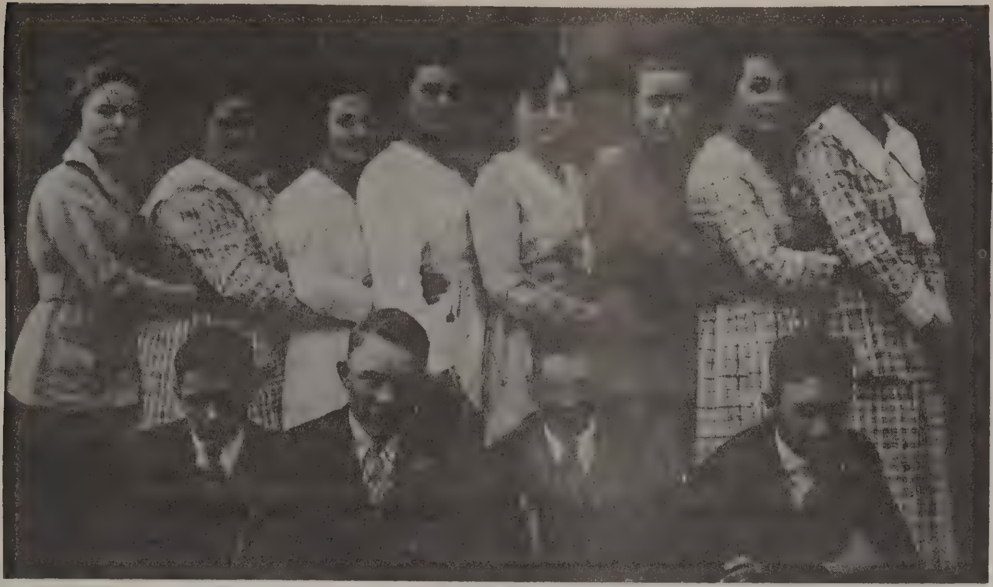
LAOTTO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 1920



FIRst ROW: Howard Ervin; George Vallance; Ruel Guthrie; Robert Wyann.
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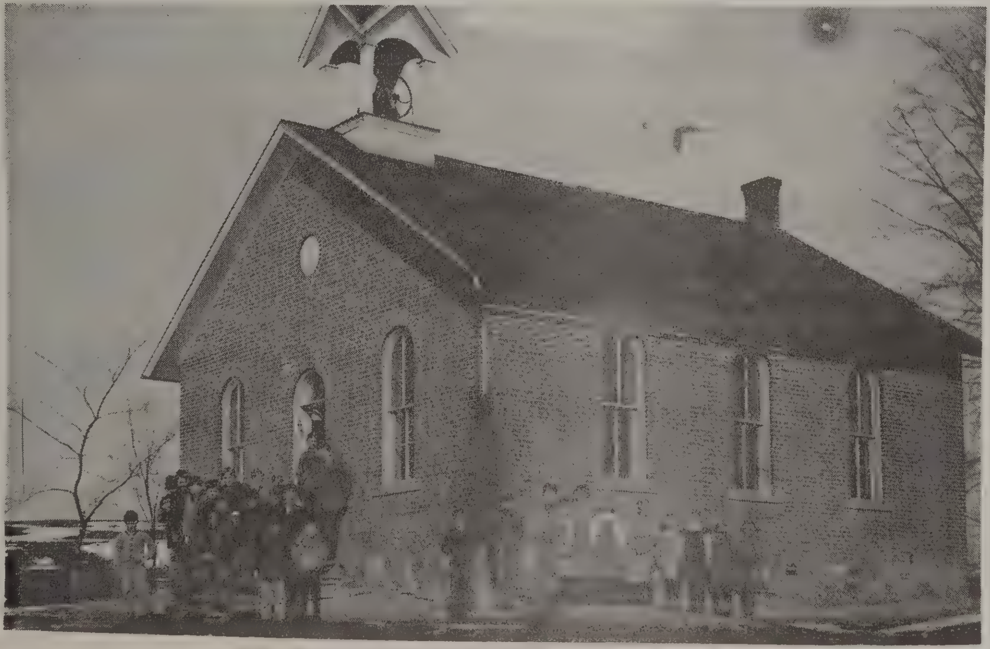


CHERRY SCHOOL - 1916

Harley Haney, Teacher

Names of Students not identified - Courtesy of Pearl Haney -

The teacher had to combine some classes and have others fewer than five times a week in order to keep within the maximum number of classes. Each class period averaged about ten minutes. Lower grade pupils were prone to listen to the upper grades recite, thereby having a pretty good foundation for entering the next grade. Library books were few. Encyclopedias were seldom in rural schools. A large dictionary and globe were usually available. The dictionary was used more often as a note depository than a source of knowledge. A boy would write a note to a girl and put it in the dictionary. The girl would then leisurly stroll over to the dictionary for her note. All went well until the teacher asked her what word she was looking for. Not being prepared to answer that question, the game had lost its fun.

The rear wall was equipped with a board nailed across its length to which hooks had been placed for hanging wraps. Footwear was placed on the floor beneath the wraps. In the corner,inside the door might be a shelf for lunch pails.

Nearly every school had a well at one time or another, but vandalism was so prevalent that well repairing was all but abandoned. The alternative was to carry water from a nearby home or spring. It was quite a privilege to be allowed to go for water. If the pupil did not return promptly, he was not allowed that honor soon again.

Oscar Lindsey, who would now be past 100, told with a twinkle in his eye, how, when he was in the grades, he had dipped frogs from the spring before filling the bucket.

When the fall farm work eased, the upper teen-aged youngsters (many of them) would start to school. Not because they were interested in learning, but because they needed associates and companionship. None of the patrons had autos and very few had telephones and of course there were no radios or televisons. The young folk seldom got together except at church or school or at an occasional "play party." When work opened in the spring they had to quit school to help Dad on the farm or Mother with her work.

Slates of various sizes were used extensively in place of paper pads. Each single slate had two surfaces and a double slate had four writing surfaces. Written material on the inside of a double slate could be easily protected and saved. Long soft slate pencils were used which made a very neat white appearance on the black slate. Each pupil with a slate should have kept a small moist sponge for erasing written material from the slate. The sponge was easily cleansed. However, many pupils, especially boys, used saliva and an old rag, their handkerchief,or shirt sleeve. For some reason, possibly sanitation, the slate eventually disappeared from general use and the "Goldenrod" tablet came as a popular piece of student equipment. The slate is now a collector's item.

The old-time pencil-box, an unnecessary school evil, was a favorite gift of parents and relatives to school urchins. In addition to pencils it was always full of gadgets of guestionable school use. They were prone to drop on the floor, scattering the contents and disrupting the entire student body.

During the warm fall days when the windows and door were open, there was nothing funnier to a school room full of youngsters than a barking dog, a blood curdling scream of a tom cat, or a dog or cat entering the room; oran old rooster crowing just outside the door. Why was everything so laughable ?

Children often went home with each other for an overnight outing. Patrons often invited the teacher to spend a night in their home. With the closing of the one room schools, that practice is no longer so popular.

The most recently built one-room buildings were a bit more modern. An entrance extension appears on the front. On either side of the entrance was a small room for wraps and lunch buckets. Steps might lead to the basement from one of these small rooms. Coal, which was kept in the basement, was used for fuel in a floor furnace on the main floor or in a one-register furnace in the basement.

Better quality blackboards were provided and single seats were installed. Electricity in our rural schools was not available until 1938. Near the end of each semester in each of the grade schools, questions were sent from the county office for each grade. The teacher was allowed two days for conducting these tests. The teacher did the grading and the results of the tests, plus the class work during the semester, determined the promotion or retention of the student, except of the eighth graders as explained elsewhere.

Superintendents were elected by the Township trustees and usually on a political party basis.

Pupils and patrons looked forward to programs put on by the pupils at Thanksgiving, Christmas and at last day of school. Nothing else could get so many patrons to come to school. They enjoyed seeing and hearing their children in action. One Father was heard to say, "Ive paid good money to see less than this."

An outstanding feature contributing to the inter-community relationship was the practice of visiting other schools. Large boys were dismissed early enough in the morning that they could go home, have lunch and return to school with team and bob-sleds or hay rack, depending on weather and roads, in time for the trip. It was a hilarious ride to the neighboring school. Once there, the group, led by the teacher, quietly approached the building and all burst in with a war-whoop which was followed by an hour or more of friendly fun and contests. All returned to their school the next morning for a rehash of their yesterday, and a renewed and revived interest in their school life.

On one such visit, the visiting teacher pronounced the words in a spelling contest. Eventually he pronounced the word "bier" and gave the definition. After all pupils, except one from each school, had gone down, a visiting student succeeded in spelling her apponent down. The host teacher then remarked, "My pupils might have won if they had not been given to much bier."

Such occasions were too infrequent to be considered routine. They were looked forward to as highlights of the year and were incentives to a good school spirit.

Another valuable social activity sponsored by the district schools for socializing of the area people, as well as for making a little money for the school, was the ever popular box social.

Girls, young ladies, mothers, wives, any lady who cared to would prepare a tasty supper for two, and place it in an eye appealing box or basket and bring it to the school house on the advertised night. A patron usually did the auctioneering. Identity of the one who prepared the supper was supposed to be a secret. However, the girl usually told her boy friend how to identify her supper so that he would not pay too much for the wrong basket. As a rule, a few pranksters would congregate in the back of the room, knowing that a certain lad would pay almost any price for his sweetie's supper, and bid it up on him and make him pay a pretty penny to eat with his Lady Fair. This not only tickeled the funny bones of the mischievous boys, but added substantially to the school's take.

WLHS
1926
CO. CHAMP

This Wolf Lake High School girls' basketball team won the Noble County Championship in 1926 by defeating Cromwell High School. Seated, from left: Cora (Wysong) Edwards, Helen (Waugh) Shachelford, Mary (Winebrenner) Seymoure, Thelma (Owen) Jones and Winefred (Johnson) Grable. Standing, from left: Retta (Kimmell) Geiger, Leona (Haney) Dickey, Wilma (Hill) Steck, Eileen (Pollack) Steinway(deceased), Leona (Gandy) Surfus and Coach Arthur J.Kimmell. (Photo contributed by Mrs. Harold Sevmoure).

Here's another look down memory lane, this time brought in by Mrs. William Shively. Taken in 1899, it shows the students of Green School, two miles west of Green Center, built on the corner of Jack Green's farm. With their teacher Silas Cook (at left), the students are (from left, first row): Bessie Friskney, Merl Gipe, Nellie Black, Dessie Friskney, Aid Lock, Rollie Friskney, Bessie Williams, Archie Friskney, Levi Gaff, Elsie Cook, Neva Gipe, Ethel Kepford, Effie Leamon, Fred Young, Ira (John) Black. Back row: Ocie Leamon, Viola Yoder, Ressie Lock, Laura (Doll) Black, Mertie Turner, Bessie Leamon, Bertha Ennis, Bertha Harp, Abbie Stroh, Oma Stroh, Daisy Black, Clarence Ennis, Arthur Friskney, Lee Gaff, Allen (Tod) Weeks, Charlie Weeks and William Harlan.

Second Section

Tri-County Truth

Thursday, September 27, 1962 TRI-COUNTY TRUTH 9

Courtesy of Mrs. Edna Ott
Route 1, Kimmell, Indiana

At times, instead of selling the suppers direct, the lady who had brought the supper stood behind a curtain and her shadow was sold. Lanterns were the only available means of light so shadows were easily cast.

After all the suppers were sold, the men and boys located their ladies. The food was spread on a double desk, the couple sat in the double seat and proceeded to consume the delicious morsels of food.

Another very important feature of the same evening was a "cake walk". As many as wished would form a line, drop a nickle in the box, march around the room a few times until a blind-folded pupil dropped a yardstick or pointer in front of a marcher, who received the cake. They had as many"walks" as there were cakes which had been brought by the good ladies of the community. Such events had more social and community value than people living seventy-five years later can believe.

In March of each year the eighth graders of each township gathered at a designated township schoolhouse on a certain Saturday and work on an examination, the questions of which had been prepared by a state board. A teacher of the township conducted the examination and the manuscripts were graded by the County Superintendent of Schools. If the applicant made an average of 75 per cent or more, without falling below 60 per cent in any subject, he or she was elegible to enter high school the following fall. A second examination was held the next month for those who had failed the first time. A third and final examination was held in May. In addition to the examination, each pupil was required to send to the county Superintendent a composition on a subject of his or her own choosing.

Parents and friends throughout the county were extremely interested in the success of the eighth graders and were definitely sorry for those who did not "make it". Eighth grade graduation was looked forward to as one of the big county events of the year. Graduates felt more important on that day, perhaps, than at any other time in their lives. They felt they had conquered the world.

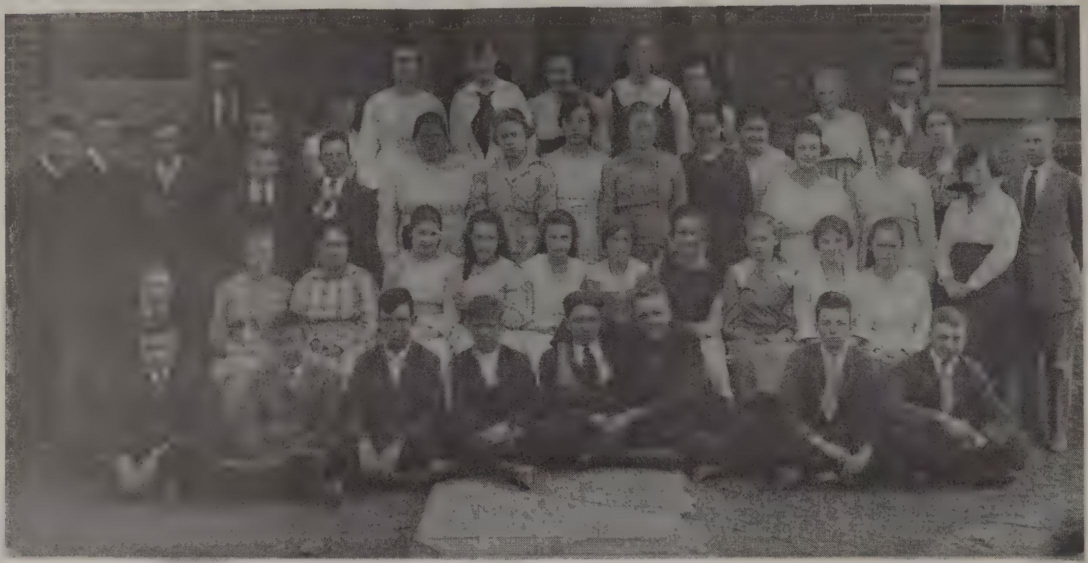
Some Thursday in May or June was designated as "Field Day" or Commencement Day". All Eighth grade graduates of the entire county, their parents, relatives, friends, and neighbors came to Albion that day to honor the common school graduates.

In mid-morning, the graduates assembled in the opera house, north side of the square, or on the west side of the courthouse where they received their diplomas and listened(?) to an imported lecturer for a longer period than they enjoyed. They sometimes assembled on the west steps of the courthouse for a group picture. A few concessions were scattered along the streets that day, but the big attraction was the graduates, which was a popular conversation topic for days to come.

The afternoon program consisted of athletic events of all kinds, including ball games, which were played in Lemmon's field between West Hazel and West Main Streets just west of the square. Those were popular school occasions and events and those of us who were there are still thrilled to recall their memories.

This method of promoting students from the eighth to ninth grade officially ended, perhaps in the early forties or maybe earlier and they were then promoted on the basis of the teacher's judgement. However, some of the small consolidated schools continued, for a while, the practice of giving the eighth grade diplomas and having a

LA OTTO HIGH SCHOOL 1916 - 1917



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Prof. WILLIS ALFRED FOX

Democratic Candidate for

STATE SUPERINTENDENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5th, 1918

QUALIFICATIONS

Head of Department of Education, Tri-State College
Angola, Indiana

SCHOLASTIC: B. S. Degree, Michigan Agricultural College, 1891; Master of Arts, Columbia University, 1908; Master Teacher's Diploma, Columbia University, 1909.

EXPERIENCE: Teacher of Rural Schools, three years; High School Principal, three years, both in Noble County, Indiana; Superintendent of Schools, Albion, Ind., eight years; County Superintendent of Schools, Noble County, Ind., eight years; Dean of Department for Training of Teachers, Tri-State College, eight years. *Experience covers entire field of public education in Indiana* graduation program in their individual schools.

These customs, habits and procedures were difficult to give up. Many feel we have lost some of the real friendly and neighborly characteristics of the days before we had all these present day modern means of communication, transportation and entertainment.

It's difficult to say exactly when, where or by whom Noble County hot lunches, in schools were started. When thermos bottles came into general use, many children took milk, hot chocolate, hot soup or even hot dogs, for lunch. In about 1927, a teacher, Mrs. Strouse, from Kendallville, who taught at Foster school, in Jefferson Township, provided a hot dish of some kind for her pupils.

The school hot-lunch idea spread and in some communities mothers took turns in bringing hot food to the school at noon. Finally the fad developed into a major project in most consolidated schools. Modern kitchens and equipment were provided. Cooks, kitchen and dining room help was hired. The Government paid (and still does) a large part of the expenses and at present(1979) students receive a good nourishing meal for 65 cents. In the forties, Noble County students paid 20 cents for a school lunch.

Consolidation was so slow that many did not realize what was going on. One one-room school employed two teachers. One teacher conducted classes for the lower grades in the cloak room while the other held classes in the assembly room. In another township, a test was made in two districts. The first four grades were transported to one school. This, they thoughtwas an improvement, and so it went until we have our present system.

For many years "Rolls of Honor" were issued to pupils who attended an entire term without being tardy or absent.

The Probation officer visited schools occasionally, checked the register and if any child within the compulsory school age has been absent too frequently, he attempted to find out why.

Mothers,sometimes,with the consent of the teacher, brought treats for the entire group, on the birthday of her youngster, usually a lower grade pupil.

It was not uncommon for the school to devote the last quarter of Friday to games, contests or other forms of amusement and fun.

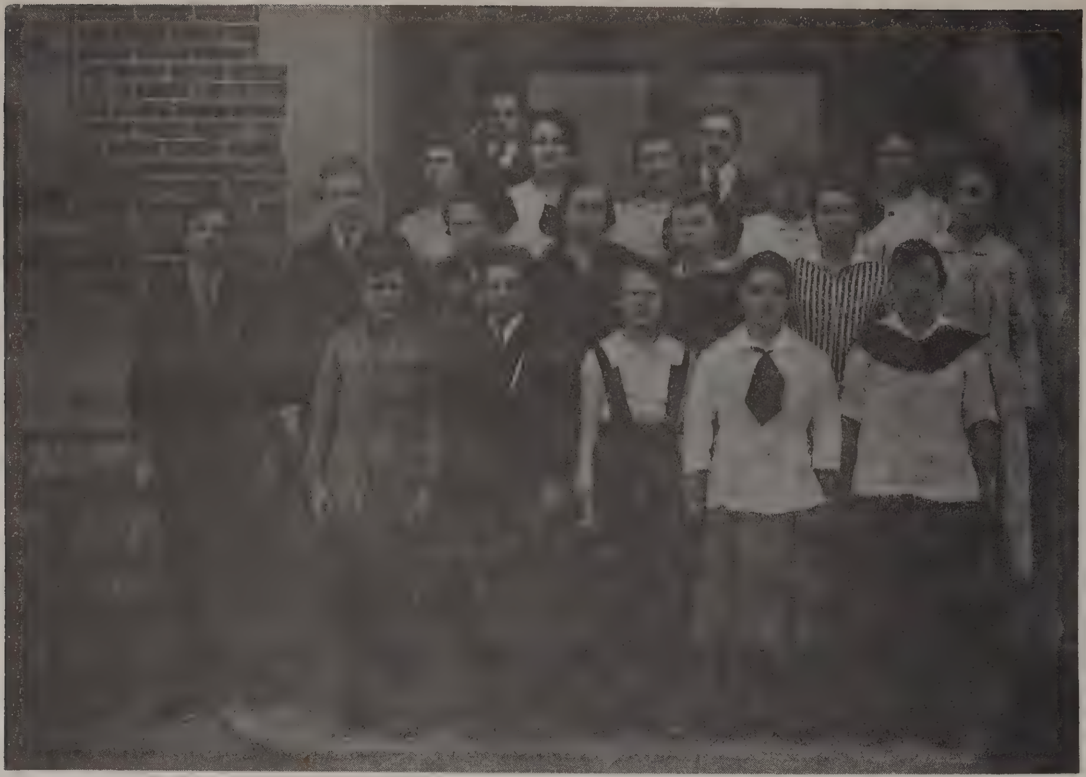
Perhaps each spring, near the close of the term, the entire group could go to a nearby woods, gather leaves and bark and learn to identify trees. Of course, squirrels, rabbits and birds added to the pleasure of the trip.

Teachers and pupils of the one-room school were just a large affectionate family.

In those early days, there were no fringe benefits, such as sick leave, pensions, severance pay or teacher aids. If a teacher missed any time, it was her loss unless she made it up on Saturdays or at the end of the term. Saturday school soon became unpopular with pupils and patrons and was discontinued.

One afternoon a man, driving a horse and a light covered wagon, stopped at a certain Noble County school and said he had a little black bear that would dance for the pupils if they would give him the refuse from their dinner buckets. Of course that was a deal. The gentleman then secured permission from the teacher to feature a magic lantern show in the school house that evening. The pupils were splendid publicity agents and that

LAOTTO FRESHMAN CLASS of 1916



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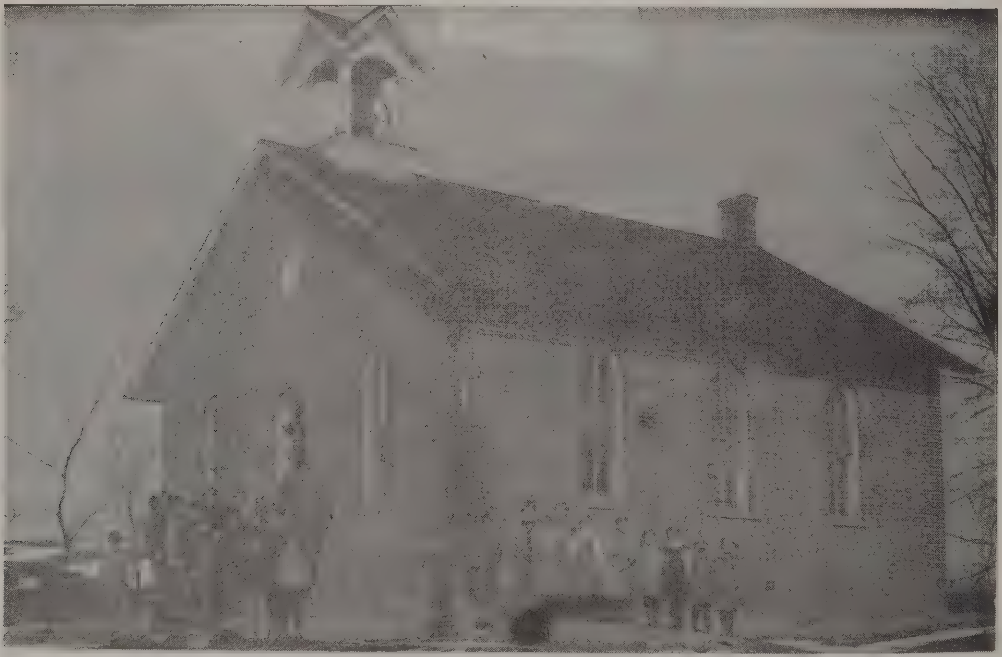

CHERRY SCHOOL - 1910 -
Harley Haney-Teacher

-Courtesy of Pearl Haney

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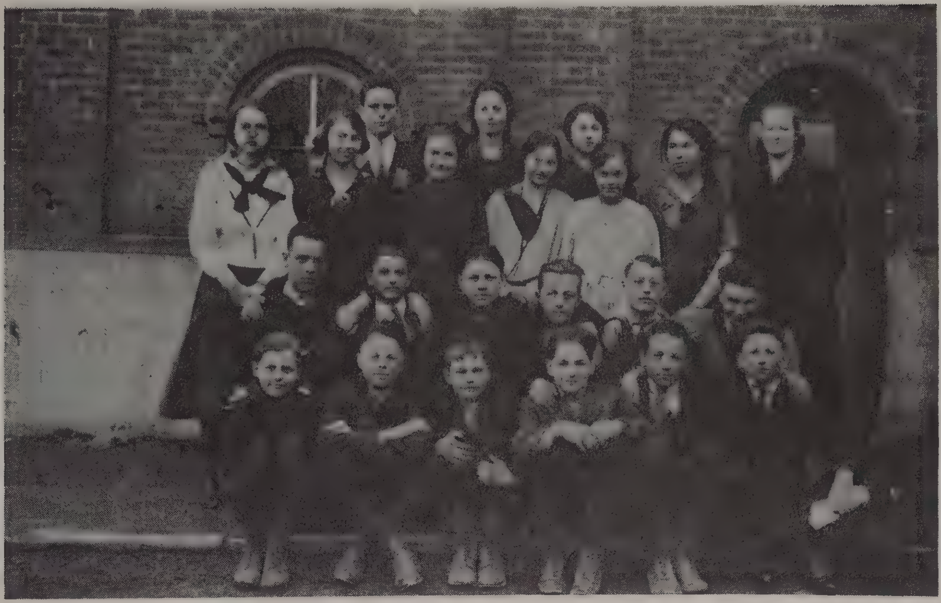

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Courtesy Edith Herron Butler-

AVILLA HIGH SCHOOL Fall of 1915

First row seated: Wilbur Lovall; Kenneth Scherick; Raymond Foster; Carleton Baum; Earl Bair; and Walter Phillips.

Second Row-Kneeling - Chas Boss, Supt(Standing) Marie Euber; Agnes Mayer; Garnet Yeiser; Bernice Van Pherson; Flossie Shambaugh Smith; Mary Kokenge; Carrie Wheeler Holcomb

Third Row: - Emma Pfaffman, Teacher; Lois Dolan Wiley; Angie_____; Bertha Phillips Harry Smith; _____; Wilma Fightner; Margaret Miller; Lucille Fairbands; ____________;____________.

Back Row: Antoinette Meyer; Anita Hooper; Lawrence Hess; Orr Lockhart; Grace Miller; Pete Demske; Cliff Engle; Herbert Ely and others- R. S. Wiley teacher at extreme right.

Photo Courtesy of W. Raymond Foster -

evening the building was packed with patrons, friends, relatives and neighbors. There was no lighting system in the building, so patrons brought laterns to light the room. A small admittance was charged and the next day the same procedure took place at a neighboring school. Public entertainment was so scarce then that people responded to anything that sounded entertaining.

Most school grounds were large enough to accommodate the various games which children enjoyed playing. No public money was spent for expensive equipment. No pupil had to sit on the sidelines waiting for a chance to play. No large buildings were constructed in which games were played. God's mammoth out-doors was available to all.

Students, perhaps with the help of mothers, made their own balls. Dad helped the boys whittle out their bats. Homemade jumping standards and sleds were used.

Andy over; Two students would choose sides, one group on either side of the building. The youngster who caught it would yell"Andy Over", and the groups scrambled to change sides of the building. All who were touched by the bill in the hands of the player who had caught it became members of his side. The groups re-assembled and the procedure repeated. The winning side was the one having most players when school called or when they decided to quit.

ONE OLD CAT: There were three players, a pitcher, batter and catcher. When the batter struck out, was caught out, or failed to run to the pitcher's box and back to home plate before being touched by the ball, or if the ball was caught by the catcher before the batter returned home, he was out. The catcher then became batter, the pitcher became catcher and the one just out was the pitcher.

ROUNDER: A modified grade-school baseball game with any number of players, batters and fielders.

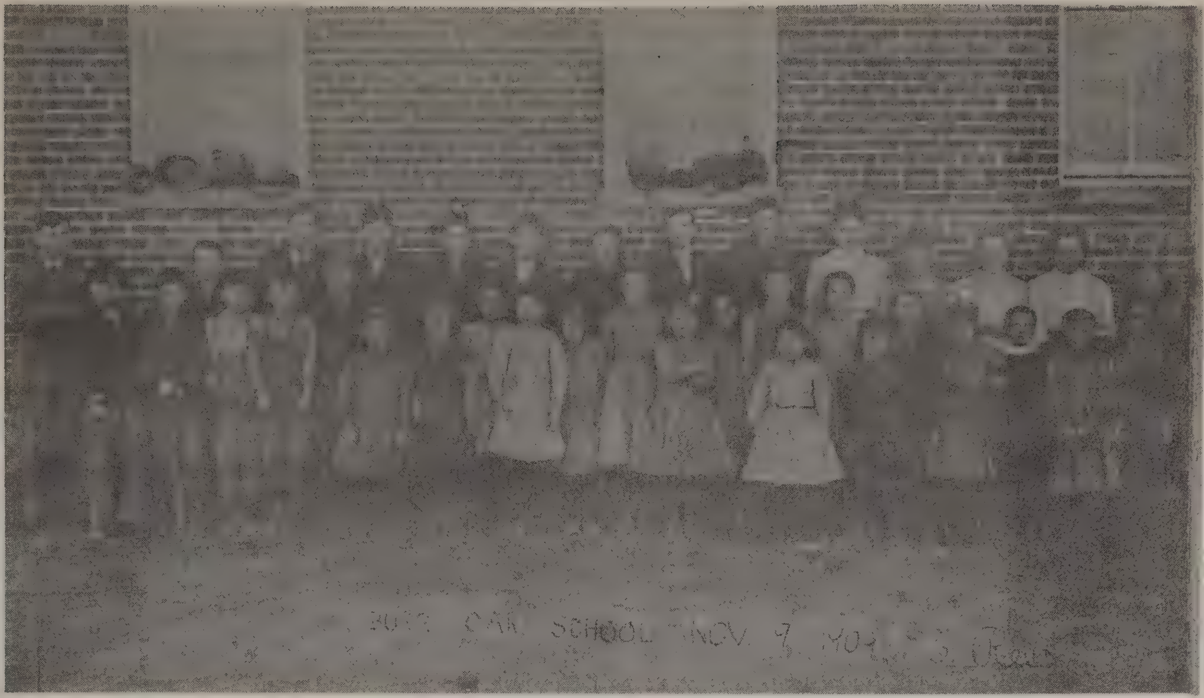
SHIPWRECK: Another game in which any number could play. They had the usual number of basemen and as many fielders as wanted to play. If the batter was caught out he went to the most remote position and all others advanced one position except the batters who were in line. If the batter struck a ball which was caught by any one in the field, the catcher dropped it like a hot potato, yelled "SHIP WRECK" and every player ran to home plate. They re-assembled and started over.

DARE BASE: The group divided into two camps. From one side would come the command "Give us a dare!" Someone from the other side would venture out and as he approached the enemy lines, someone would take after him. He would turn and run toward his camp while some of his buddies came to his defense. The object was to get close enough to an enemy to touch him which made him a prisoner and he was placed in prison, which they called the "Stink." Soon both groups were mingling, trying to take prisoners by touching them and trying to release their own comrades.

Again the ringing of the bell usually ended the battle and all returned to their studies refreshed and revived by their strenuous exercise.

DUCK-on the ROCK: A game played with stones and not advisable.

Another game enjoyed by the youngsters was hunting and shooting rabbits. The larger boys were the hunters who carried broom stick imaginary guns. The younger boys were the rabbits and as they ran from one hiding place to another or appeared from behind a tree or from between ranks of wood, or in some other situation, someone or more"hunters" would point their'guns' yell "boom" and a 'rabbit' would roll on the ground, kick and squirm awhile then 'die'. The hunters had feelings of accomplishment. The rabbits felt they had been important and all were ready for another period of study.

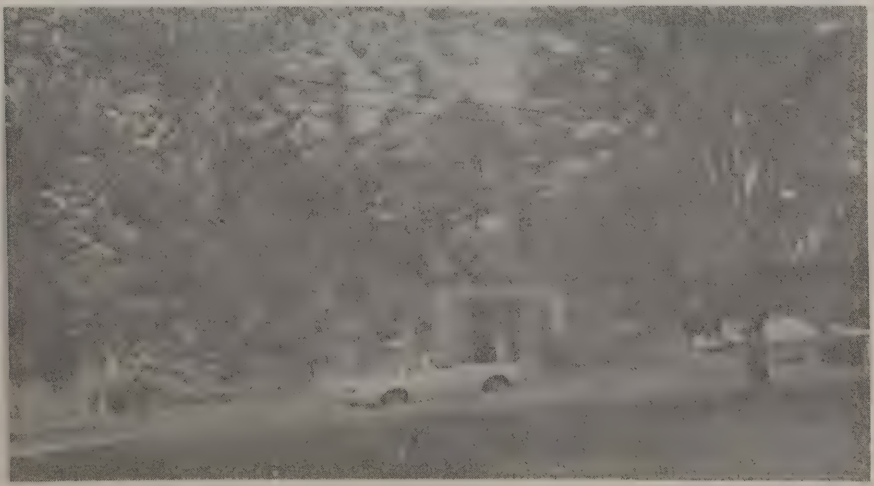


BURR OAK SCHOOL 1909 - Cash Flory Teacher

Back Row; George Reese;__________Young; Ceral Fogle; Verlin Huntsman; William Ott; Clint Weber; Alvin Baker; Rollie Weber; Clara Ott; Lesta Skeels Addie Lindsey; Edna Harlan; Cleo Huntsman.

Front Row - Frank Winebrenner; Dewey Skeels; Willard Glass; Harry Brackney; Frank Reed; Stella Strouse; Pearl Strouse; _________; Alma Winebrenner; _________________; Blanche Huntsman; Ethel Budd; Velma Strouse; Troas Pressler; Ruby Huntsman____Budd; Reva Strouse; Freda Winebrenner; Jessie Weber; Fern Huntsman and Marie Brackney.

' LISBON SCHOOL - Allen Township"



POST: For boys- A home plate was established. The leader (setter) assigned a boy to be the 'post'. This boy would take his place a couple of feet beyond the plate bend over and place his hands on his shins. The 'setter' would then stand on base, place his hands on the back of the 'post' and leap over. The post then moved forward a step or two. The setter then surveyed the distance and determined that the players should be able to get over by taking a certain number of steps, hops, jumps, or a combination of the movements. If all the boys could do the trick, the 'setter' then took his turn and again gave directions. When a boy could not make it over he became 'post' and the post became 'setter'. This could continue indefinitely or until they became tired.

LEAP FROG: Another game similar to Post, was for boys of the upper four grades. During those early school years an auto seldom passed, except on Sunday. Other traffic was scarce so it was safe to use the highway as a playground. A dozen or more boys, including the teacher, if a man, would start at the school house steps. One boy would stoop over with his hands on his ankles while another boy would place his hands on the back of the stooped boy and leap over him, take a step or tow and bend over as the first boy had done. That went on until the last boy had leaped. The boy who had started the game then leaped all the boys who had leaped him. This went on until they were down the road eighty rods or more, when they turned and leap-froged back to the school house. This was not only splendid exercise but a lot of fun made more enjoyable because the teacher was with the boys.

Many schools did sack racing, potato racing, three legged racing and just plain racing.

BLACKMAN: A game that could accommodate any number and all ages and sizes. The entire group would go to one side of the grounds. One, usually a large boy, the 'blackman' would step out in front. All the others would run, trying to reach the other side of the grounds without being caught. All touched by the 'blackman' became his assistants. This continued until the 'blackman' had the entire group. The pupil who evaded the 'evil one' the longest was the winner.

Fox and Geese was a favorite winter game when the snow was light. If the snow was damp, the pupils might roll large balls, pile them up four or five feet high and several feet long. Two of these were built a few rods apart. These were "forts". An equal number of soldiers was behind each fort. Brave service-men would venture out to storm the enemy's fort. The defenders would then appear from behind their fort and a battle royal would take place with snow-ball ammunition. They oould always take refuge behind their own fort. Finally, the side which had taken most prisoners by bell time, won the game, or battle.

Skating was indulged in when facilities were conveniently close to the school. The girls had their ball-games and other forms of fun when they desired.

Among the indoor games were, Upset the Fruitbasket; Winktum; Girls were seated with a boy standing behind each girl. One boy stood behind an empty seat. All the seated girls watched him and the one he winked at was to go to his chair if she could get away without being tapped by the boy behind her. If he failed to touch her before she got away, then he was the 'winker'. This could go on and on.

NORTH ELKHART SCHOOL - Elkhart Twp - 1934

FIFTY AND SIXTH GRADES - John Todd,Teacher

Front row - John Musser; ___; ___; Betty Ross; ___Phares; ___; Margaret Rice Lavancha Hunter.
Second Row: ______; _____3; Varen Manier; _____Wayne Gonser;Robert Jacob; Delbert Sheley; _______

GOOD HOPE SCHOOL - 1916
1000 N. - 900 W

Front Row: Ivan Hodge; Arnold Beckner; Donald Borger; Margaret Beckner; Nadine Deardorf; Beulah Emmitt; Ulah Cripe.
Middle Row - Margaret Hite; Glen Stabler; Coral Adair; Dorothy Emmitt; Everett Slabaugh; Ruby Emmitt.
Back Row - Roy Emmitt; Allen Haller, Teacher; Helen Emmitt; and Nadine Smith.
Photo Courtesy - Nadine Dardorf Todd-

Then there was a card game called "Authors"; The deck contained four cards for each of twelve or more authors. On one side of each author's card was his picture, name, date of birth and death and some of his selections and other facts. Four pupils usually played. All cards were dealt. Players adjusted their cards to determine how many authors they had and how many cards of each author. The first player called to another for a certain card which he needed to contribute toward a book of that author. The player could continue this as long as he received the card called for. Once he failed to get his card, the next player started calling for his needed cards. This continued until all books were completed. The player having the greatest number of books was the winner.

Flinch, checkers, and dominoes were also played some. Another card game was "Old Maid".

Some Lyceum programs put on by those early small High Schools featured Maude Willis, an elocutionist, formerly from North Webster; Four blind men musicians, with a manager who could see, Ross Crane, a chalk artist, very entertaining; Mr. Crane in "The Potter and His Clay", made jars and jugs and as he worked, gave amoral discussion which reached its climax as he 'found' a piece of foreign matter in his clay, which ruined the jug. He likened that to a wrong deed or act which could ruin one's life.

One school had Dr. Byron W. King, Shakespearian interpreter, and president of King's School of Oratory in Pittsburg. He gave such an interesting and entertaining evening that those who had never had an interest in Shakespeare enjoyed the program immensely.

In these small schools, the Juniors always gave the Seniors a reception in the spring. This reception was usually held in the home of one of the Juniors. A good time was had and all reached home at a reasonable hour.

Many very successful persons graduated from the early Noble county schools-schools far less eleaborate than those of today; Lloyd C. Douglas, author of "The Robe" and other best sellers, graduated in 1892 from the eighth grade of a Washington Twp. one-room school. Dr. Earl Butz, Secretary of Agriculture in the President's Cabinet, for about five years, got his entire grade schooling in a one-room school of York twp. Ford Frick,Baseball Commissioner for many years, was also a product of the early Noble County schools.

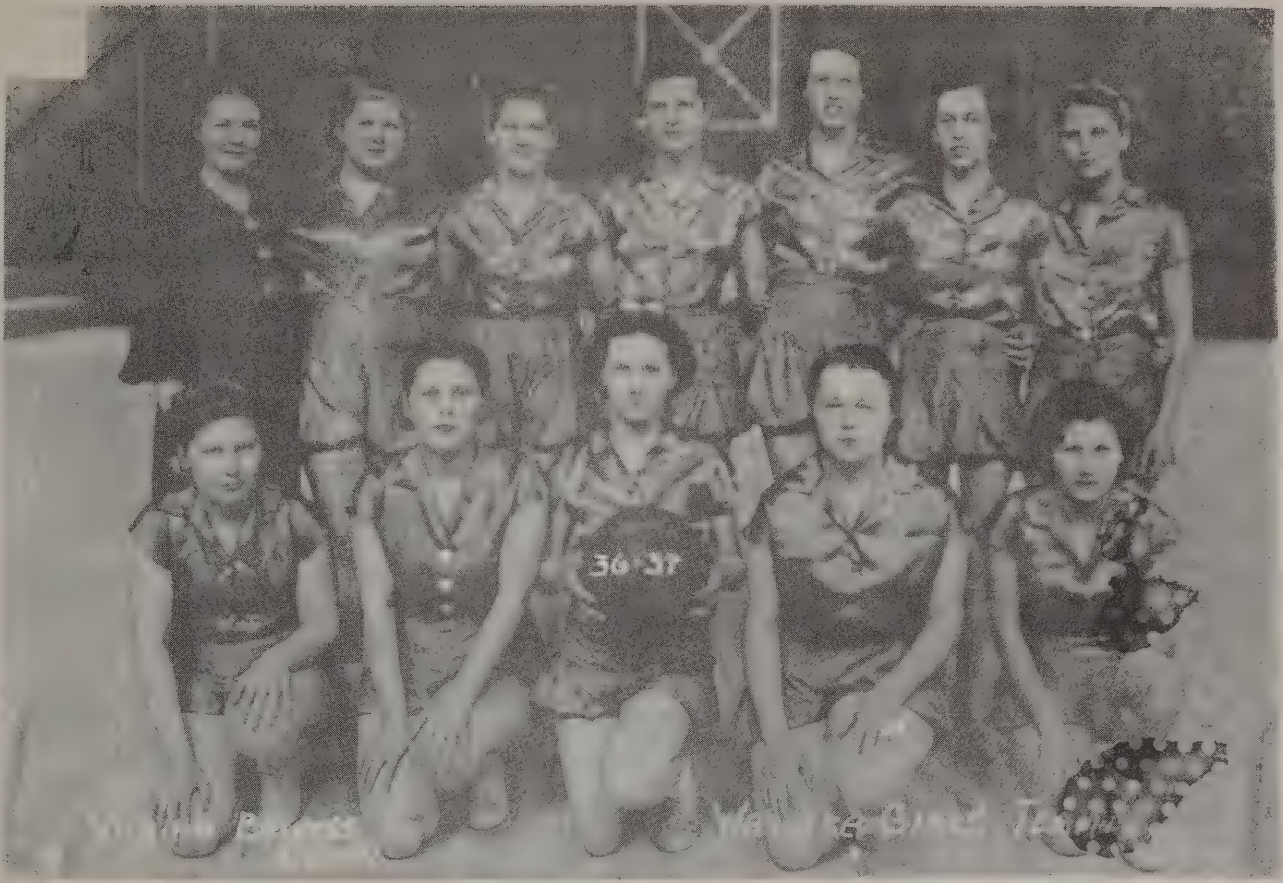
Albert Stump, an outstanding Indianapolis attorney and splendid orator, twice candidate for the United States Senate, graduated from a one-room school in Washington Township. Walter Stump, brother of Albert, Judge of the DeKalb County Circuit Court for many years, also came from the one-room schools of Washington Township. Several of our county school superintendents were products of the one room schools.

Joseph Adair, many years a teacher in Noble County and Allen County schools and for several years the Noble County Superintendent of Schools was a product of the one-room Stultz School in Noble Township.

Alumni banquets were quite common previous to the mass consolidation. In recent years they are gradually being discontinued, since there have been no graduates from the smaller high schools since about 1968.

We oldsters have no regrets for being products of the one-room school, where one teacher taught all eight grades attended by forty to sixty students including seven to eight months of school.

WAWAKA GIRLS'BASKETBALL TEAM
1936 - 1937



PLAYERS: FRONT ROW: Kathryn LeCount; Emmajane Becker; Dorothy Jones;(Captain)Edna Becker; Harriet Domer.
BACK ROW: Virginia Burgess, Coach; Ozema Swartz; Mary Gilbert; Roberta Lower. Rosemary Frick; Maxine Reidenbach.
- Courtesy Mary Gilbert Schermerhorn-

BROADWAY SCHOOL, Sparta Township - Section 27

Author's Personal Comments

I was not six years old until after the close of my first term of school. Miss Miss Hazel Gray of Wolf Lake, the teacher, had more than forty pupils in all eight grades that term, yet she graciously consented when my Mother asked if I might be admitted.

Miss Gray drove to and from school daily. One evening she took me home with her for the night. My only memory of that unusual event was talking, by telephone to Miss Gray's father who was in his store just across the street. I do not recall a word of that "conversation" but it was my first experience in using a telephone.

I was fortunate in living near the school and carried my lunch only one term plus six weeks during my entire twelve terms as a student in the public schools. However, I carried a cold lunch many terms while teaching, before the hot lunch became available.

I spent all my elementary school years in the same one-room building usually with all eight grades and always with more than forty students. During those years I had one lady teacher and five men. Of these five men, one became a bank cashier; one a hardware merchant and township trustee, one soon died of tuberculosis; one became a peppermint and onion farmer and one a college professor.

During my four high school years we had an assembly room and one class room, fewer than 60 students and two teachers. There were also three other rooms in the building for the grades. Each room had a coal stove to supply heat. There was no electricity available; no inside plumbing; no gymnasium; no telephone; radio or television; no office with expensive floor covering and comfortable lounging chairs; no teacher strikes or teacher aids; no free or rental text-books; no hot lunch; no laboratories and not many complaints.

I started teaching in one-room rural schools; spent one term in the army, including firing line duty in Belgium during World War I; returned and taught in schools of one to eight rooms, in townships, villages and in the city until 1956 when I retired. My wife, Carrie, who was also a teacher, retired the same year.

"Timely Jokes"

For three nights Daddy struggled nightly to help young Mary with her puzzling arithmetic problems she had for homework.

"Next term is going to be even worse," little Mary confided.
"What happens then?" asked Dad dejectedly.
"Teacher says we are going to start learning the dismal system."

Third grade teacher; "What is a famine?"
Little girl (thinking she meant family) replied;
"A famine is a man and his wife and six kids."

The teacher, after correcting papers, remarked to the student. " I don't see how one person could make so many mistakes on his homework."
The student considered for a moment, then replied.
"It wasn't one person. My Dad helped."

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NOBLE COUNTY TEACHERS ASSN.

To be held in the Methodist Church, Albion, Indiana

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27 and 28, 1891

Programme, Nov. 27, 1891

Forenoon

9:45 Music . . . . Invocation
10:10 Election of Officers
10:30 Paper - "Teacher 'Work and Teachers' wages." E. L. Adair
10:50 Recess
11:10 Paper "An Hour's Nooning" S. C. Spero.
11:30 "Apportionment of School Revenue." J.W. Earle.

Afternoon

1:15 Opening Exercises
1:30 Paper - "Some Defects in the Common School System."
W. H. Favinger - Leader in general discussion, Norman Acton.
2:10 Paper -"Teacher in Society" W. E. Harsh
2:30 Recess
2:40 Paper -"Indiana Educational Exhibit at the World's Fair."
J. p. Bonnell. Leader in general discussion Jennie M. Sedgewick.
3:20 Paper - "Originality in Teaching." - Loomis Foote.

Evening

7:30 Lecture - "English and American Orators of the nineteenth
Century." Rev. C. C. Albertson.

Saturday, November 28, 1891

Forenoon

9:00 Opening Exercises
9:15 Paper - "The Long Vacation at the State Normal Should be
"During the Winter." Alta Shaffer.
9:35 Paper - "Should Manual Training be a Feature of Public
School Work?" W. B. VanGorder. Leader in Duscussion
W. C. Palmer.
10:15 Recess -
10:25 Paper - "Some Defects in the High School System"F. O. Hester
10:45 Paper - "Teachers Should be Students of Mind." Willard Sharpless.
11:10 Paper - "The Antiquated Teacher." - Lillie Parks.

Afternoon

1:15 Opening Exercises
1:30 Paper - "The Young People's Reading Circle."Bert Hines.
1:50 Standard of Promotion in Public Schools." Irvin Marshall.
Leader in Discussion, Hattie Fox.
2:15 Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business
3:00 Adjournment

Notes -

All Papers are limited to twenty minutes; speeches of leaders in general discussion to ten minutes; all other speeches five minutes. The evening lecture will be free. Sun time will be used. Hereafter, teachers who take the Teachers' Reading Circle work will not be required to present a written review or composition at examination.

Bring your song knapsack. In allowing time for attendance, trustees will be guided by the record made by the secretary of the association.

Teachers desiring Reading Circle books can obtain them at the County Superintendent's office.

By order of Committee.

Democrat Print, Albion, Indiana

SINGERY SCHOOL, Dist. No. 9
Allen Twp. -1914-

PUPILS OF SINGREY SCHOOL Being transported
to Avilla about 1910 -

- Courtesy of Raymond Foster

1913-1914
SINGERY SCHOOL, DISTRICT NO. 9

Allen Township, Noble County

Thurlo Holcomb, Teacher C. V. Kilgore, Co. Superintendent
W. L. Baughman, Trustee W. L. Bown, Truant Officer Dr. J.W.Morr, Health Officer

- PUPILS-

SECOND GRADE-Wilbur Fryer; Edna Sylvester; Myrtle Gregory; Harold Uhl

THIRD GRADE:- Roy Hossinger and Clarence Uhl

FOURTh grade- Edward Sylvester and Iden Halferty

FIFTH GRADE - Don Bair; Gladys Hossinger; Riley Wheeler and Grant Conner

SIXTH GRADe - Ila Hossinger; Isabelle Halferty and Lizzie Sylvester

SEVENTH GRADE - Earl Bair; Ralph Hossinger; Garnet Yeiser and Leslie Sylvester

EIGHTH GRADE - Carrie Wheeler

1934 - ALBION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

GREEN TOWNSHIP - Mildred Clouse; Leona Diffendarfer; John Friskney; Nedra Hire Charles Kirkpatrick; Marjorie Strouse

YORK TOWNSHIP - Levanche Bair; Grace Black; George Buckles; Oris Buckles; James Cole; Harold Conrad; Harry Crothers; Lera Long; Gerald Schlotterback

JEFFERSON TOWNShip - Dorothy Brumbaugh; Helen Foster; Wauneta Jacob; Vera Lemmon; Harlan Knafel

ALBION TOWNSHIP - Ben Barnum; Billy Barnum; Loretta Campbell; Carl Grams; Elizabeth Franks; Maynard Neal; Paul Prickett; Helen Runge; Mildred Walker and Robert Walters.

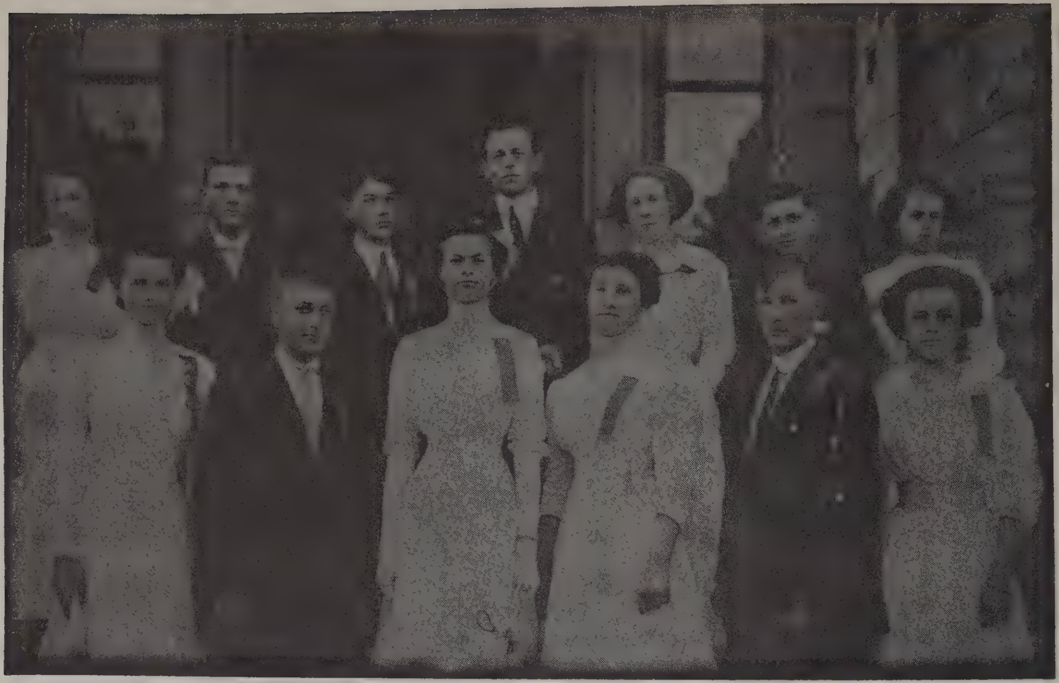
Trustees: Green - Isaac Diffendarfer; Jefferson; Roy Rice; York; C. C. Palmer Albion Roy Riddle

Superintendent - Ralph Stanley Principal - Z. A. Willennar

Class Play - May 10 Junior Senior Reception May 11 Class Night May 15
Baccalaureate - May 15 Commencement - May 17

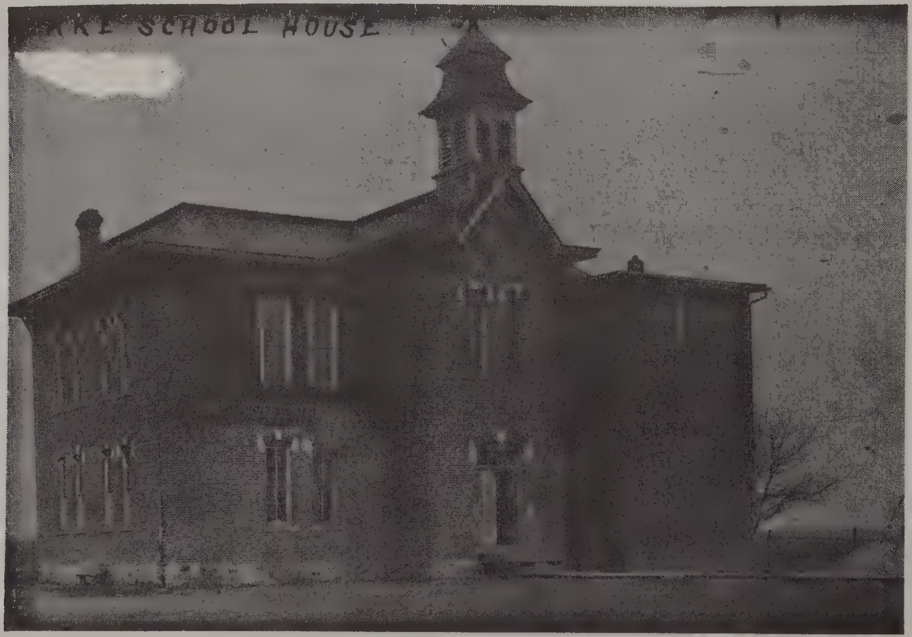
A KENDALLVIlle NEWS ITEM of 1880

At an early hour Saturday morning our sidewalks were filled with groups of men discussing the impending trial of J. C. Steinbarger, teacher in school District No. 18 for the chastisement of William Myers' little son Charlie which occurred on Jan. 22. The plaintiff a red that Steinbarger maliciously punished the child and consequently had brought suit against him. Lawyer Holden appeared for the plaintiff in behalf of the state and Mr. Campbell of Albion and David Perew of Wolcottville, for the defense. The case was tried before Squire Dixon and resulted in a complete vindication for the defendant. The jury was out only a few minutes.



WOLF LAKE EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES 1910

Back ROW - Leona Surfus; Roy Fuller; Hugh Luckey; Clarence Zeigler(teacher) Oma Shew; Bonford Fair; _____Yonce.
FRONT ROW - Alta Radcliff; Royce McGuinn; Mamie Thomas; Velma Overley; Voil Manier and Veva Gray.



THE 1882 WOLF LAKE SCHOOL BUILDING

The first High School class graduated in 1899. Ed Pricket was a one-man faculty
This building was replaced in 1914. A four-year course started in fall of 1908.

May 13, 1934 Albion HIGh SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE 7:30 p.m.

Processional "Marche Militaire"		Schubert - Orchestra
Hymn- "Hol , Holy, Holy"		Congregation Standing
Invocation		Rev. B. D. Nysewander
"The Heavens Resound"	Beethoven	High School Choir
"That Wonderful Mother of Mine"		Phyllis Singleton
Sermon		Rev. C. D. Grabill
"The Prayer Perfect"	E. J. Stenson	Girl's Quartett
Offertory - "Gavotte Souvenir," M. Herzberg		Orchestra
Benediction		Rev. K. B. McCoy

May 17, 1934 Albion HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT 8:00

Col. Bogey, English March	KENNETH Alfred	The Albion Band, Max Emery Dir.
Invocation		Rev. K. B. McCoy
Salutatory		Robert Walter
Grandiose	E. DeLamater	Albion Band
Address - State Superintendent of Schools		Floyd I. McMurray
One Beautiful Day	R. E Hildreth	Albion Band
Valedictory		Wauneta Jacob
Presentation of Diplomas		Roy K. Riddle, Trustee
Sousa's Triumphal	T. D. Boyer	Albion Band
Benediction		Rev. B. D. Nysewander

(Collection will be applied toward rental of the opera house)

ALBIOn HIGH SCHOOL YELL - 1903

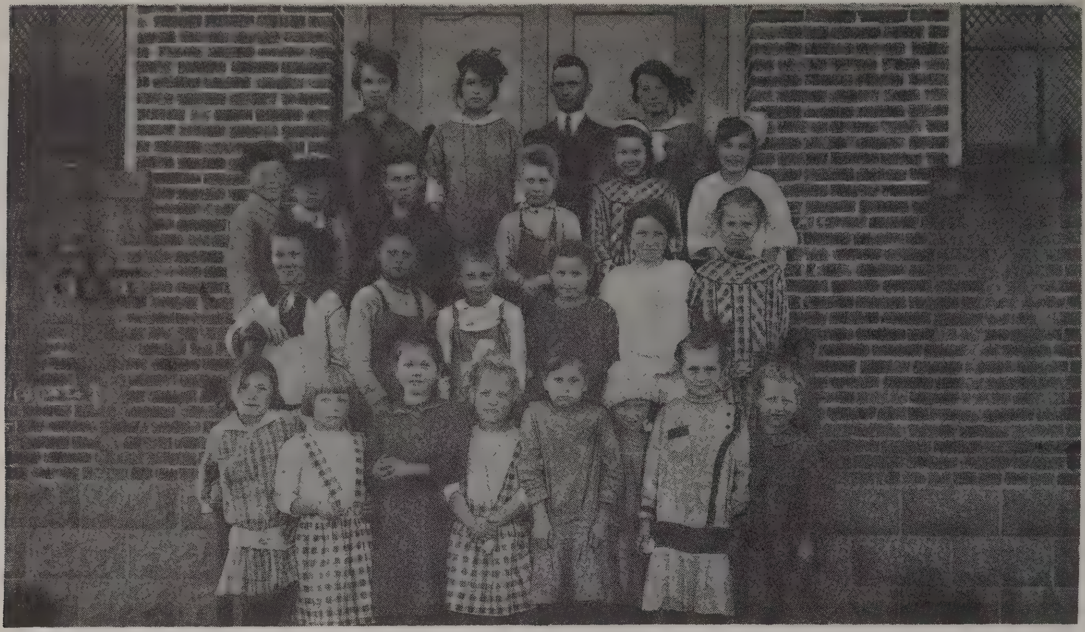
Forenoon	Afternoon
Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!	Orangetang Atis Abang
Zolliwicker Zulu	Baoom Acis Arah
Boo! Bun! Bow!	Albion High School
Albion High School	Rah! Rah! Rah!
Rah! Rah! Rah!	Victory! Victory! is our Cry.

IN 1888 - Albion's Old Frame school house at corner of East Hazel and South Liberty streets was sold to S. K. Konkle, who used it for carriage making, painting and blacksmithing.

ALBION HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS in 1875

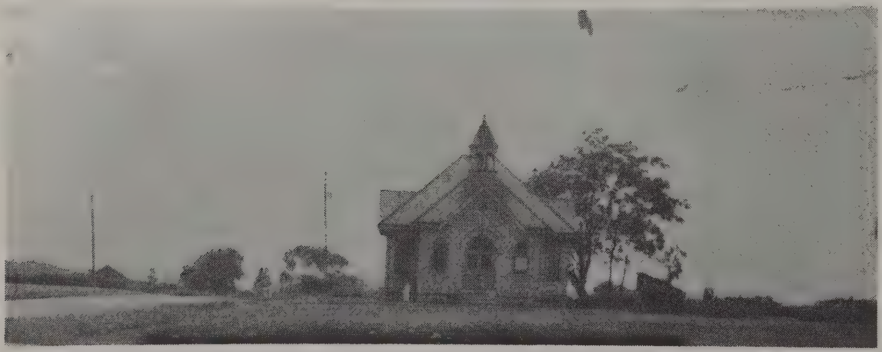
T. J. Johnson, Principal; Lova Applegate, Liza Brown, Thella Bortner, Mary Boyer, Laura Beattie, Anna Coffinberry, Emma Eagles, Eva Eagles, Mattie Foster, Minnie Hupp, Louisa Hubbard, Albio Love, Hattie Lemmon, Blanche McMahan, Etta Niles, Anna Peterson, Ella Prentiss, Aretha Singery, Anna Vermilyea, Ella Woodruff, Flora Woodruff, Elsie Ward, Owen Black, James Hadley, Arthur Haas, R. J. Hartsock, Ransom Harkins, Burton Konkle, Forrest A. Kove, Cliffo-d McMahan, Thurlow Phillips, Weston Peterson, James Pontius, and Orliss Skinner.

The county school enumeration was 6, 108, including the cities, in 1913, a loss of 148 since 1912.



GREEN CENTER SCHOOL - 1915 and 1916

Top Row - l to r - Gertie Addis; Viva Pippinger; Teacher, Rosa Banks.
Second Row- Ralph Houts; Cedric Veasey; Clair Kesling; Roy Pippinger; Editha Heltzel; Hazel Pippinger;
Third Row - Jessie Banks; Devoid Leitch, Joe Hatfield; Neva Pippinger; Dalpha Snyder; Dorotha Heltzel.
Fourth Row - Freida Leitch; Evelyn Weeks; May Summer; Madeline Weeks; Pauline Russell; Beatrice Russell; Mabel Heltzel; Lauris Summers.



GREEN SCHOOL
Green Township - Section 18 - 300 S - 100 E.

Ligonier Academy - Mr. C. L. Housman, a gentleman highly recommended as a scholar of first-class attainments, and a successful teacher, will open an academic school in Ligonier, on Monday, March 30, 1874. A Normal course will be opened in connection with the academic, for instruction in the theory and practice of teaching. Terms for session of ten weeks: Elementary course, $3.00; Common School Course, $4.00; Higher branches, including Normal Instruction, Science and Languages, $6.00.

June 10, 1978 - Don't fail to attend the Noble County Normal School, which convenes at Albion, July 21, 1878, under the direction of Mr. Woodruff and Prof. Smith who is a graduate of Cornell University. Teachers attending this Normal cannot fail to receive thorough and practical instruction.

THE ALBION SCHOOL will open on the thirteenth of April, 1874, under the management of H. S. Bortner, principal with a corps of competent assistants and will continue until June 22.

J. W. EARLE will conduct a normal at Wawaka, beginning July 15, 1895 and continue six weeks - Tuition $4.00.

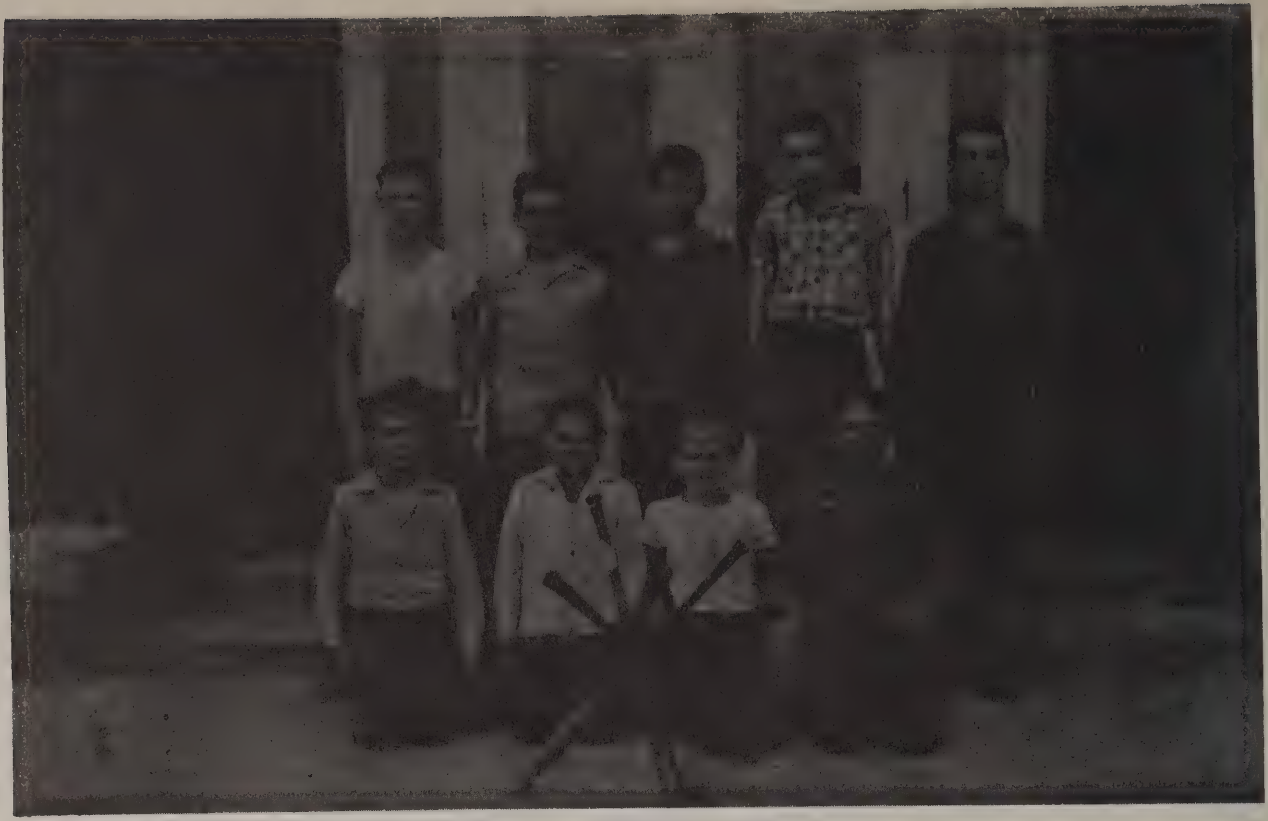
STANLEY SCHOOL HOUSE in Green Township was destroyed by fire, including all the contents, consisting of desks, furnishings, books of the pupils and teacher. The origin of the fire is unknown and no one saw the fire until the building and contents were a pile of ashes. Miss Hazel Brown was the teacher. The building was of brick and was the third school house in that township to be destroyed by fire within the past six years . - March , 1915.

HUckLEBERRY SCHOOL TO BE REBUILT- 1910 -- Huckleberry school house, located in District No. 6, Green Township was burned last January a-d now is being rebuilt, making the best school house in the township. Messrs Leslie Moore and Lewis Summers, contractors, were in the city Monday for material with which to finish the building, and report that it will be ready to occupy by next Monday.

BRIMFIELD's FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE

The first school house and public building was also located just east of the overhead bridge, but on the south side of the street that runs parallel with the New York Central Tracks. This building is still in Brimfield, having been moved to the present location. It is now the home of Mrs. Nellie Waldron, one of the oldest residents who has not made her home here until the last twelve years. This building has been used as Doctors office; Drug store; Millinery shop and home. It is now located on Main street next to the Tower Welding Shop.

Courtesy of Mrs. Max Adair-



WASHINGTON CENTER SOFT BALL TEAM - 1948

BACK ROW: Warren Sloan; Roger Fetters; John Weimer; Robert Scott; James Marchand.

FRONT ROW: - Jerry Leek; Billy Stump; Hal Stump; Junior Beyer.

HOPEWELL SCHOOL 1913 - 1914
Hilda Axtel, Teacher
Forty Pupils

STANLEY SCHOOL-Dist. No. 2
Green Township, Noble County-April 1920

THURLO HOLCOMB, Teacher - G. R. HALL, County Superintendent; JOHN FRISKNEY, Trustee

PUPILS

Grade Seven - Neva Brumbaugh and Vera Bower
Grade Six - Madeline Weeks and Charles Campbell
Grade Five - Lottie Walbrum and Helen Brumbaugh
Grade Four: Nathan Bower and Evelyn Weeks
Grade Three - Gladys Hoffman; Dorothy Campbell; Evelyn Quade and Alverda Weeks.
Grade One - Welcome Weeks; Zelma Baker; Lawrence Campbell; Mabel Hoffman and Violet Harlan

RICE SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED

Harold Sorgenfrei was teaching at the Rice School, east of Cosperville in Elkhart Twp. during the teens. Being a young teacher and anxious to succeed, he was an easy victim of a high-powered book salesman.

The salesman implied when talking to Harold, as he did to all other teachers, that Superintendent Kilgore advised the purchase of the books; that any question confronting a young teacher could be correctly answered in a jiffy, just by simply referring to the proper volume and page. Harold, the same as many of the other teachers was sold. Teachers' wages then, about $44.00 per month hardly justified the purchase of a ten-volume set of books at $25.00. Anyway, Harold signed on the dotted line, and agreed to pay a certain amount each month. Not wishing his Dad to know about the deal, he kept the books at the schoolhouse. One night the school building burned-- and his books along with it.

The Rice pupils were taken to the Kansas school, also a one-room building. Books were shared and a curtain drawn through the center of the room, a stove placed on either side of the curtain and the Kansas teacher operated on one side of the curtain and Harold on the other. in this manner the two teachers conducted their classes during the remainder of term.

(This event related by Harold in a personal interview)

MARKER FOR FIRST SCHOOL DEDICATED, April, 1939 -

The Historical marker of Elkhart Township erected on the site of the first school house in Noble County, on Road 6 in Wawaka was appropriately dedicated last Friday evening in connection with the Wawaka-school art exhibit.

Rev. B. E. Hoover read the history of the county schools as a feature of the dedicatory program. Arrangements were made by Veda Franks, J. L. Tierney and Rev. Hoover.

1891 - SALARIES RAISED

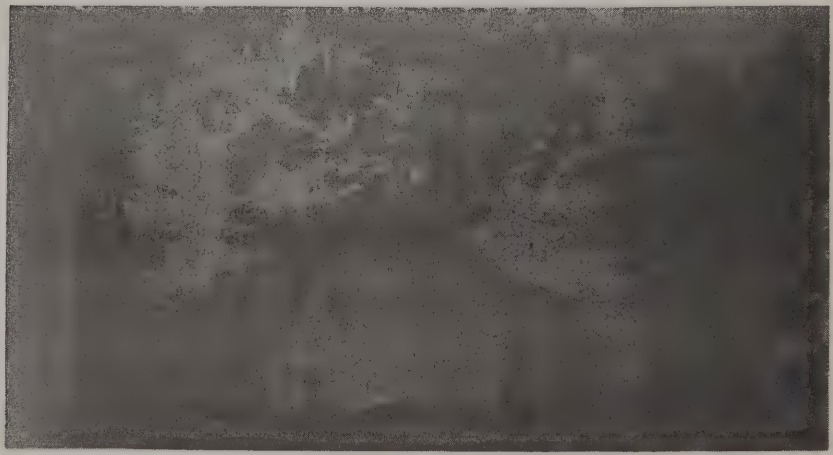
The Kendallville School board has increased the salaries of several teachers as follows:

	Former Salary	Increased Salary
Mr. Fleisher, Supt.	$1,000.	$1200.
Mr. Hester Principal	700.	800.
Miss Wildman, Primary	325.	350.
Miss Poppy	325.	350.
Miss Spencer, Primary	325.	350.
Mrs. Iddings, Primary	325.	350.

The total amount of increase is $400. The board dispensed with the German teacher and the writing teacher, saving possibly $700 leaving them $300 saved on expenses after deducting the $400 increase. Prof. Fleisher will teach the German Class.

"STANLEY SCHOOL - 1917 - Section 9"

"STANLEY SCHOOL - 1963 - Chain o Lakes State Park"



POPLAR SCHOOL
Noble Twp.
Center of Sec. 15

SCHOOL OFFICERS OF NOBLE COUNTY - 1907

W. A. Beane, County Superintendent

School Board Presidents: Elza Shaffer - Albion Archie Campbell - Kendallville
John N. DeCamp-Avilla Abe Goldsmith - Ligonier
-TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES -
H. T. Beers, Washington; John C. Veasey, Green; William Schlabach, Sparta; William H. Moore, Orange; George Growcock, Perry; Joseph Homsher, Jefferson; Amon Spurgeon, Elkhart; Wilber H. Hill, Wayne; J. W. Palmer, York; Thomas Kelham, Allen; D. J. Starkey, Noble; Henny Ramsten, Swan; C. M. Beck, Albion.

SHRADER SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED November 27, 1879

Auditor Stewart informs us that early on Monday morning, the schoolhouse in Noble Township in this county, known as the Shrader school house, and situated near the Christian Chapel in that township, was burned to the ground. It was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary as no fire had yet been started in the stove. School was to have commenced on that morning, and now the people of the district find themselves without a school house. Albion New Era

TEACHER'S INSTITUTE of 1879

Notice is hereby given that the first institute for the winter term in Wayne township will be held in the new brick school house formerly known as the Muskrat school house, on Friday and Saturday, January 9 and 10, all teachers are expected to be in attendance. By order of the trustee, J. C. Vought-

INDIAN VILLAGE SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The first school house was built of logs and was located across the creek near the Chester Seanson home. The next two schools were frame buildings and they were built a few feet southwest of the liberal U. B. Church. At that time the white settlers had a U. B. Church, and it stood at the same place the brick church stands today. The Indians had their services in the home.

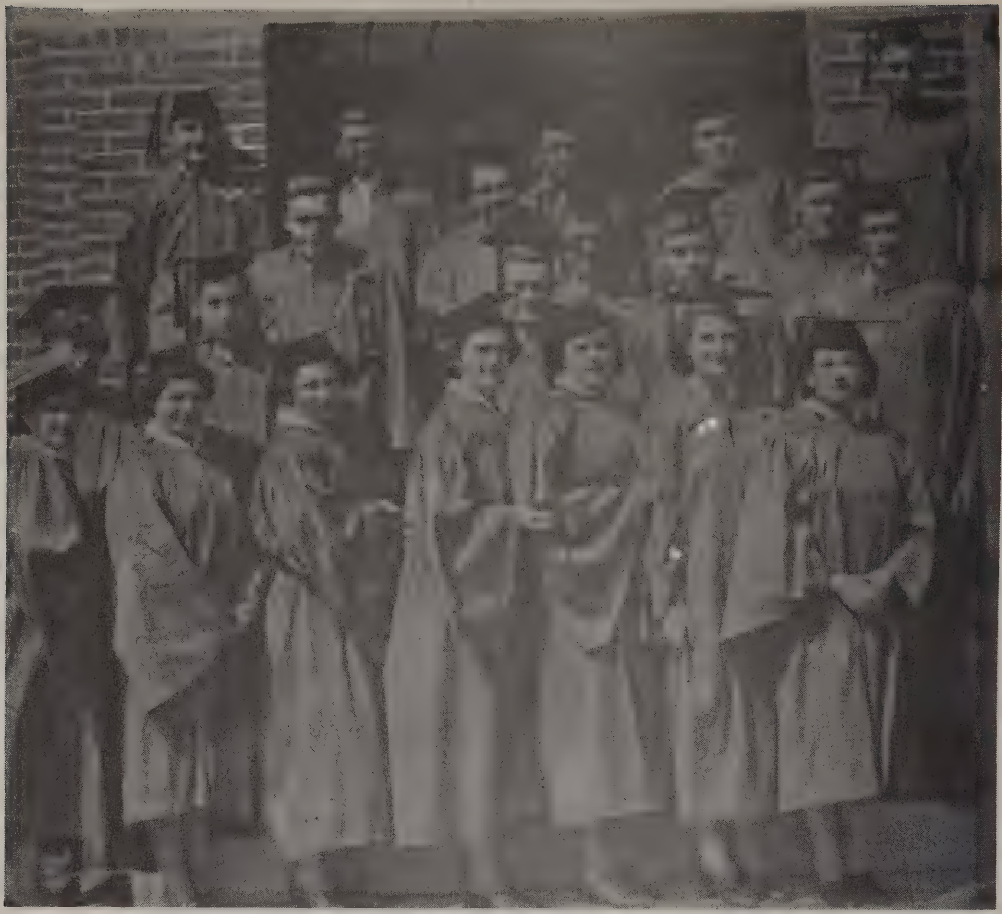
The fourth school house was made of brick. It was located west of the Arthur Kolberg home. The first three buildings were sold to some of the farmers residing there, but the fourth and the last one burned about 1920. At one time the enrollment was 108. (Cromwell Advance July 30, 1936)

WAYNE CENTER SCHOOL OPENED - 1924

March, 1924 saw the new Wayne township consolidated school building occupied. The opening of the school meant the closing of at least four small country schools. The building had four class rooms, a stage (later used as a class room) and an auditorium - Gymnasium. Kenton Kidd was the first Principal; Thurlo Holcomb, Arlo Mock and Herbert Kitchen followed.

The first transportation of children to the school was by mule drawn bus.

WAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ABOUT 1939



BOTTOM ROW: Bonny Rice; Mildred Gangwer; Kathryn LeCount; Mary Gilbert; Ozema Swartz; Maxine Reidenbach; Betty Rice; Jack Resler is at Mary Gilbert's Left- Glenn Greenwalt is next. __________________ Marvin Phares. at Marvin's Left ______________. Upper right is David Miller.
Middle ROW: Donald Weaver; Tom Franks. Millard Poppy; Chuck Mapes; Owen Lee.
Others in Photo are Dwight Hooten (upper left)/ Bob Ballinger and Franklin Ross. - Identification is a little confused-

Courtesy Mary Gilbert Schermerhorn-

GOLDEN SCHOOL
Elkhart T [illegible]

NOBLE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS
Since 1920

Mr. E. L. Adair was County Superintendent of Schools at the ushering in of the 20th century. At that time rural schools did not exceed seven months per term. Pupils walked as far as two miles to school. Other transportation was by horse drawn vehicles. Only towns had schools of more than one room. Mr. Adair later became owner of the Albion New Era. He was the father of former Fourth District Congressman, E. Ross Adair.

W. A. Fox, who was raised on a Noble County farm had servedas County Superintendent before Mr. Adair and also succeeded him. Before entering the county office Mr. Fox had been principal of the Albion schools. When he left the office about 1908 he entered Columbia University. After completing his course there, he returned to Angola as head of the Department of Education at Tri-State College. During his tenure at Tri-State, which was an outstanding Teacher Training Institution, He was an unsuccessful candidate in 1918 for the office of State Superintendent of Public instruction. Eventually, Prof. Fox left Tri-State College to become associated with the North Manchester College. His services there attracted large numbers of students but his health soon failed and he returned to Angola where he died about 1939 or 1940 at the age of 72 years.

W. A. Beane of the Ligonier schools suceeded Mr. Fox. Mr. Beane was stricken with a heart condition in August of 1912 and died in his early forties.

C. V. Kilgore, of Washington Township was elected shortly after the death of Mr. Beane. C. V. had taught High School at Wolf Lake, Cromwell and Rome City previous to his election. It was generally conceded that no instructor knew his subject matter better than did C. V. He was blunt and to the point and spoke so plainly that ofttimes his well meant suggestions and criticisms would bring tears to the eyes of the beginning lass.

Guy R. Hall, of the Wawaka Schools succeeded Mr. Kilgore. Mr. Hall served until around 1921 at which time Mr. Kilgore was again elected. After being out of office for a number of years, most of which were spent at teaching, Mr. Hall died at about the age of 60 years.

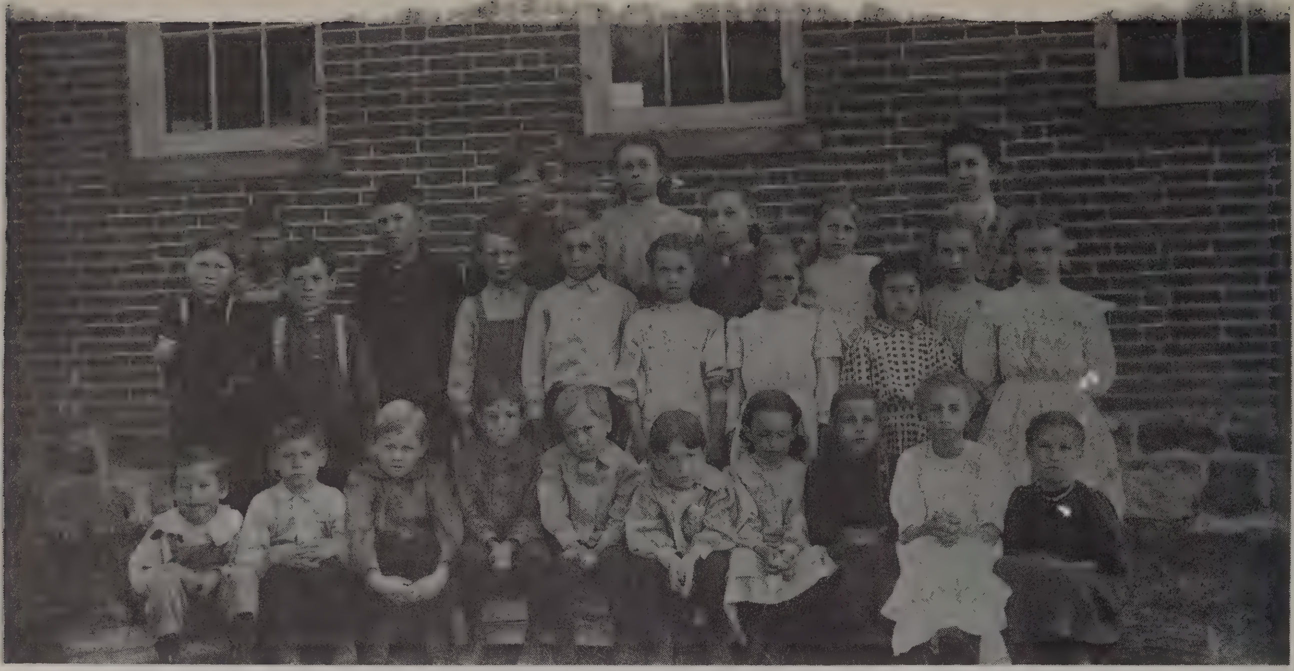
Mr. Kilgore's health was never good and he was in distress most of the time. Tests so far had never revealed Tuberculosis but early in 1928, he was forced to resign the office and he died at the age of 42 or 43 years.

Miss Roma Milnor, of the Rome City Schools was elected following the resignation of Mr. Kilgore. Miss Milnor resigned in 1932 and Ralph Stanley was placed in the office.

Mr. Stanley served until 1941 when he was replaced by Mr. Joe Adair, who was Principal of the Wolf Lake Schools. Mr. Stanley then became principal at Wolf Lake where he served until his death in 1943 at age 42.

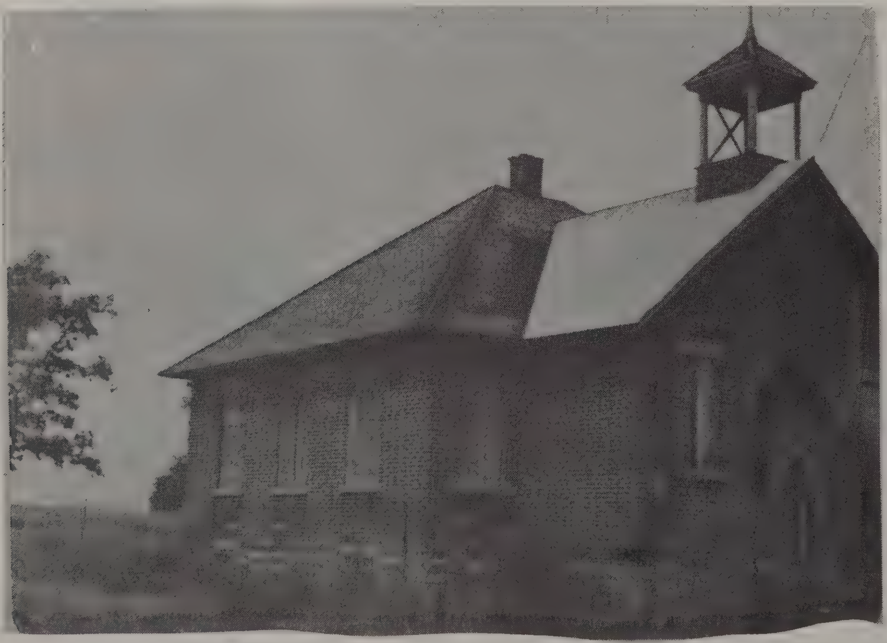
Mr. Adair was soon to enter the armed forces and Herman Ward of the Rome City Schools took charge of the office during the greater part of Adair's absence. Heber Winebrenner then served as substitute until the next election in 1945 at which time he was appointed in his own right. However, Heber resigned before the opening of the fall term to accept an administrative position in Porter county.

Mr. Adair was elected at that time and served until 1961 at which time Mr. Ward was elected. The Noble County Schools were soon re-organized and Mr. Ward became Superintendent of the Central Noble County Schools where he served until about 1965 when he took an administrative position with the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce.



HILL SCHOOL - Jefferson Township - 1908
District 7

Front Row - seated - l to r - Glen Deck; ____Shives; Raymond Foster; Kenneth Schewrick; Claude Sleek; Thad Smith; Verda Rensch Skidgel; _____Deck; Gladys Hossinger; ____Deck.
Second Row - Standing - Ralph Hossinger; Wilbur Loveall; William Shives; Cloy Sleek; Ila Hossinger; Edna Truelove(Mrs. Carl Harvey) Della Sleek; Gertrude Weimer Daum.
Third Row - Avery Stahl; George Deck; in bib overalls not known; Berneice Truelove; Berneice Weimer; ______Truelove; Eva Shirley Teacher -
Photo Courtesy W. Raymond Foster-



HUCKELBERRY SCHOOL
Green Township - Sec. 13 - 300 S. - 500 E.

BUILDING IS UNSAFE - LISBON SCHOOL HOUSE CONDEMNED-NEW ONE TO BE BUILT

Lisbon is to have a new school house. The old brick building, built in 1880, has been positively unsafe for some time and this week a state building inspector looked it over and condemned it. The old school house, if it could talk, could tell of many interesting incidents in the lives of many men who are now prominent citizens in the county and state, and there will be many a heart ache when the favorite old building is torn down. But sentiment must give way to safety and progress--so this is the end of one more little brick school house.

The Advisory Board will meet and plan for another school house to be built at once, and while no definite plans have been made, it is certain that the new building will be a modern two-room school building, equipped with the latest in sanitation and safety devices. Good for Lisbon and its new school house.

THE CHAPEL SCHOOL - Noble Township

THE CHAPEL SCHOOL building, near Merriam, in Noble Township burned in about 1914. Carter Richmond was teacher. The one room building was not replaced but soon a two-room, two teacher building was constructed nearer Merriam. This building still stands in 1979.

SALEM SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED 1877

Salem school house was burned down Sunday night. Miss Gilbert, of Swan was teaching there and can ill afford to lose her position. The building was burned down by a person well known. Incendiarism is one of the lowest crimes, and a man who will do that will rob a blind dog of an acorn.

News Item-

THIRTEEN GRADUATE FROM WAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL - 1921

Wawaka, Ind., May 3, 1921 - Commencement exercises held in Wawaka High School auditorium were in keeping with the whole school term - - most successful. Saturday evening, April 30 will long mark an epoch in Wawaka's history. Scene was enchanting brilliant lights sparkling on the class decorations, purple and gold, lighting up the rostrum upon which were seated the thirteen graduates - Arthur Becker; Virginia Jordan; Charles Smith; Claude Boyd; Hazel Weaver; Erin Domer; Flo Inks; Harry Lung; Maude Frick, Madonna Magnuson; Donald Cook; Wayland Rose; Harold Butz.

The speaker, Harry M. Doyle, Laporte, handled his subject, "How I define a Man," in his usual masterly manner. Miss Virginia Jordan gave the class history; Wayland Rose, the class prophecy and Erin Domer, the class will. The Wawaka Home Orchestra delighted a packed audience with classical airs played with supberb grace and feeling.

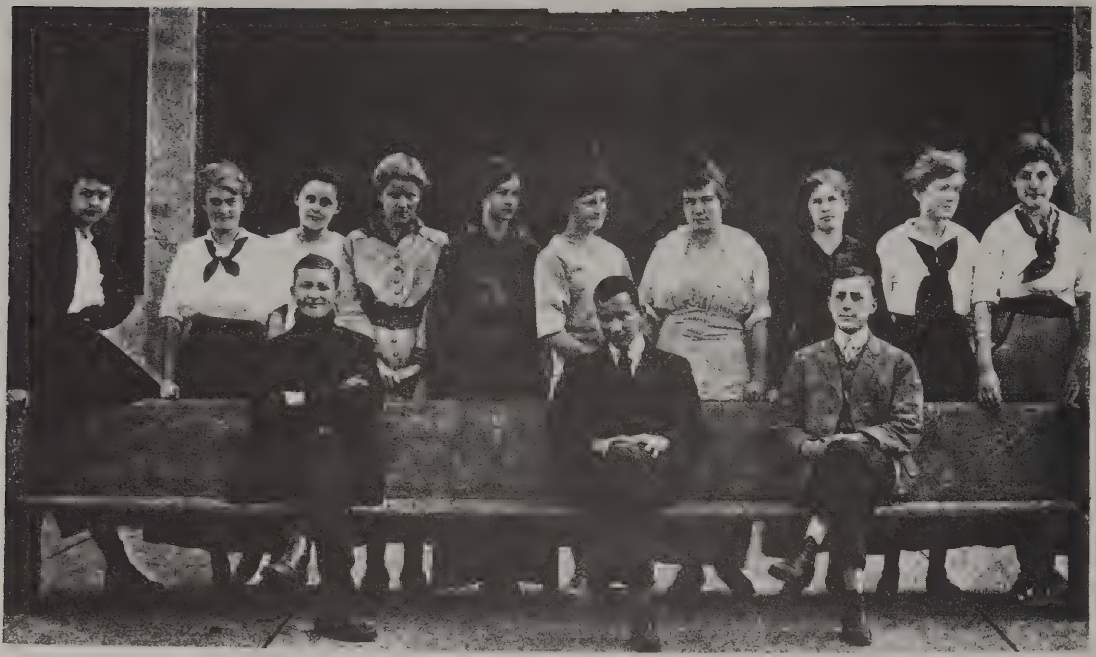
Diplomas were presented by Prof. Orin Wilcox.

JOKES

"Parrots are smart but owls are wise," said the teacher. "Does anyone know why?" "I do," said a smiling student."Parrots talk. Owls Listen."

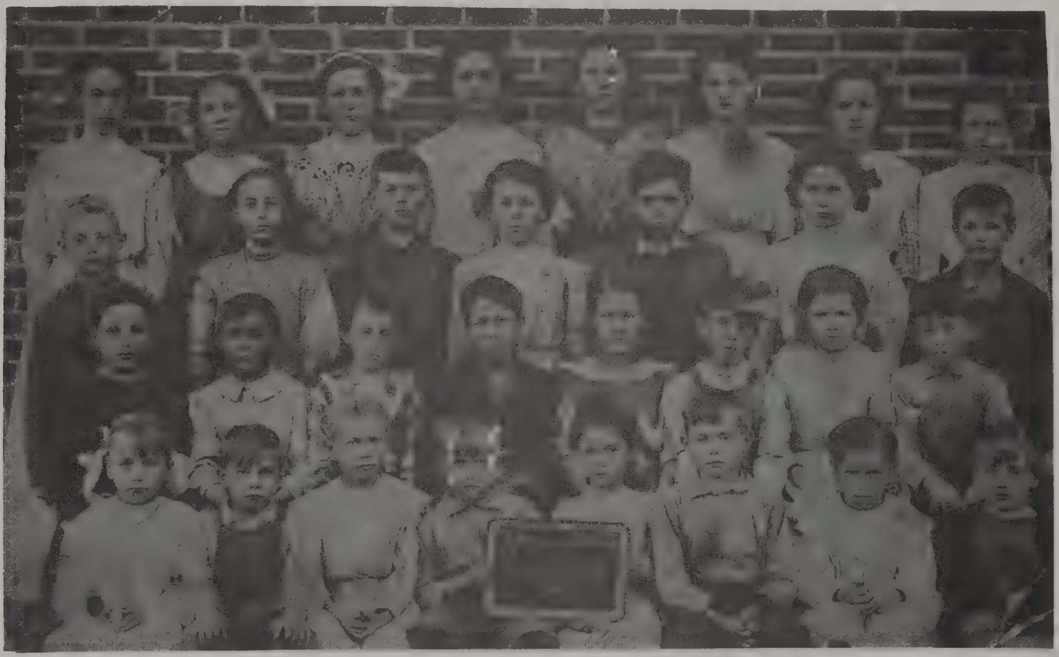
My daughter has her Masters -- My son has his PHD; But Father is the only one who has a J. O. B.

Proud Parent-- "My son's the star of his school's football team." Friend-" Oh really? What position does he play?" Parent - " He is so modest he hasn't told me, but I heard someone say he was the team's main drawback."



ALBION HIGH SCHOOL CLASS of 1915-

Standing - Mary Singrey; Ruth Skinner; Jane Eagles; Beulah Webster' _____Kuhn; Naomi Foote; C Rallihan; Margaret Spencer; Mildred Reed; and Blanche For[illegible]er.
Front - Seated - Glenwood Brumbaugh; Donald Netz and Dr. Forrest B[illegible]ck.



HUCKELBERRY SCHOOL -1912
Ethel Jopp, Teacher

Mr. L. B. Eagles, a Teacher - About 1840

Mr. Eagles had been on the "reserve" almost five years before a school was established, and of this school, Miss Eliza Ann Myers was the first teacher. Mr. Eagles himself knows the joy(?) of being a teacher, having "shot young ideas" for several terms. His first experience in that line being gained in a log school house about one mile from Cromwell on the Ligonier road.

Mr. Eagles afterward taught in several schools in Washington and Sparta Townships but retired from the pedagogue's chair and put away the ferule a number of years ago. He has never, however, lost his interest in educational matters.

In 1898 Hon J. M. Denny has this to say concerning THE HAWPATCH AT BUTTERMILK (Hawville). Perhaps a more pleasant society could not be found than existed here. Rough log school houses were erected and competent teachers were employed. Among the early teachers was James Luckey, a graduate of an eastern college and great grandfather of Dr. Harold Luckey of Wolf Lake.

Among the other early teachers were Kensil and Enoch Kent and their two sisters Asha and Mary, from Connecticut. In some instances a few families erected small log school houses and employed competent teachers. One of these at a later period was a Miss Arthur, sister of Chester A. Arthur who became President of the United States of America. Another was a Miss Laura Brown a first cousin to "Old John Brown" of Harper's Ferry fame.

KIMMELL SCHOOL

The Kimmell school of two rooms was completed and first term started at the close of the holidays in 1902 with Calvin Seymoure as teacher. At this time the old Sparta school (just west of Sparta church)was abandoned.

CROMWELL SCHOOL

In 1860 a frame school was built and replaced by a two-story brick structure about 1878. The school was reported to be second to none in Noble County.

ELKHART TOWNSHIP

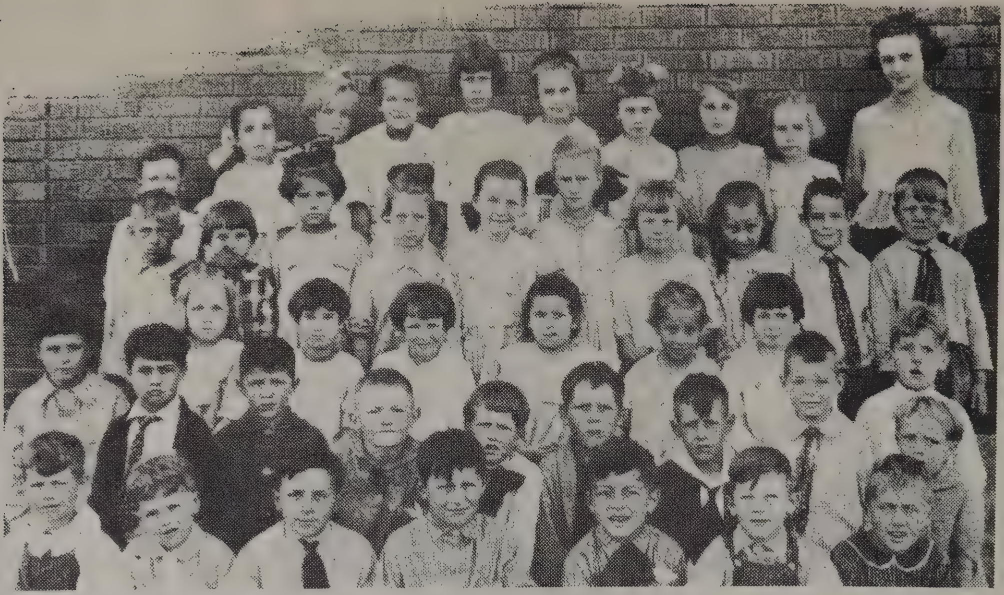
The Rev. J. W. Rendel Family

-Courtesy of Dr. Harold E. Rendel
son of Dr. Charles Rendel

John Wesley Rendel was born in Ohio in 1849. Came to Noble county in 1854. He started teaching in 1867. He lived on a farm near Cosperville after marrying and was known to have taught at Kansas School. He entered the ministry in 1877.

Charles Rendel, son of Rev. J. W. Rendel was born in Noble County in 1875 and taught school about seven years before entering medical school about 1901. His first term, at Centennial school for $28 per month. His third at Rice for $32 per month. His second term was at Union school for $30 per month. The Trustee begged him to go to Rice instead of Union the third year, where the former teacher, Carl Garber, "had been run out by eighteen year olds." Charles "licked" Ross Miller soon after school started and Ross' father accosted Charles but backed down without a fight.

Ruby Rendel Lash, daughter of Rev. J. W. born 1881, and taught at Skinner Lake Jefferson Center. Roscoe Rimmell was one of her students. She married Dr. Charles Rendel and moved to Mexico, Indiana in 1906.



PERRY CENTER SCHOOL - 1920

First, Second and Third Graders of Perry Center

This group includes two youngsters who later became State Representatives - **Elbert Roe** and Ellsworth Peterson. It is doubtful any other elementary school can make such a claim

Located just north of Ligonier, this 4-room school is still in operation. Students pictured here - Paul LeCount; Herbert Wolf; ___Austin; Robert Fisel; Ellsworth Peterson; Adrian Beckner;

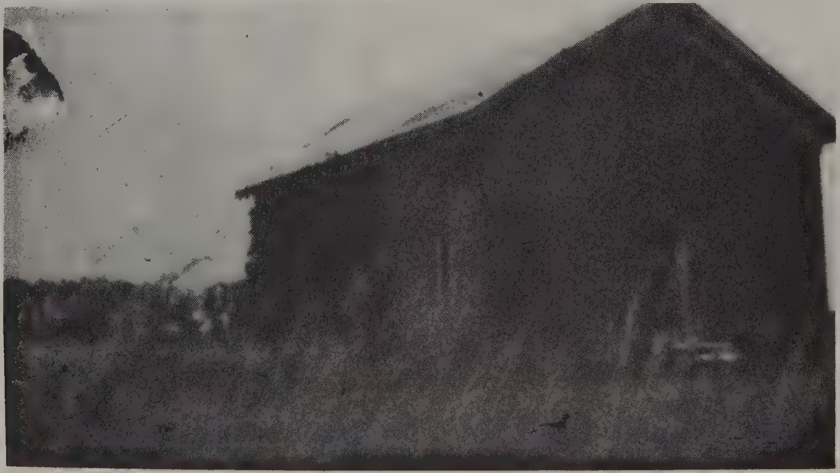
Second Row; Merrill Grooms; Forrest Slabaugh; ___Clayton King; Elbert Roe; Don Sullivan Harlo Greenwalt; Woodrow Risser; Robert Trittipo; and Leonard Miller.

Third Row: Pauline Keefer; Grace Carper; Mary King; Geneva Loy; Rachel Schlotterback; Doris Crothers; and William Flowers.

Fourth Row: Henry Wolf; Mildred Gard; Joy Hooley; Lottie Vance; Margaret Hewitt; uniden Uteva James; _____;Glen Trittipo; and Fred Cunningham;

Back Row: Everitt Nowles; _____; Eleanor Miller; Dorothy Austin; Helen Crothers: _______Gunderman; Emma Sharp; ___Miller and Teacher Hazel Waldron.

Photo Courtesy Mrs. Rachel Schlotterback McNeal-



Jefferson Township " HILL SCHOOL"- Section 25 - 500 E. 100 N.

CROMWELL SCHOOLS

This log school house in Cromwell was successful, according to record, so the students must have been satisfied with the curriculum offered. In 1841, for a few months during the winter, there was a lady teacher. The years of 1841-42 and 1842-43 school was in session here, also. There were other buildings throughout the township that were used as schools, during this period. Vacant cabins were used; or homes were converted into classrooms. Mention is made of a vacated log dwelling as a school, being located on the south side of Indiana Creek. This was used until about 1844, when District no. 9 school house was built in Indian Village.

There was a frame Cabin-School in Cromwell, also (according to Milo Snyder whose mother Allie Kreager Snyder attended) located just west of the Lutheran Church and in use in 1871.

The first school in District No. 4 was taught in 1855 by William Hersey, in an old log building. Later in that district, along about 1879, the Kreager School was built and used for a number of years. in 1896, over the holidays, it was destroyed by fire, and the children (Esta Snyder Harper tells the story, for she has gone to school there) had to go to Bill Grieder's shop, one half mile west. The new brick school was built in 1897.

Mr. Stone's Old Log Dwelling was used several years; it was replaced by a brick building which is still standing - at Stone's Hill. Other districts in the Township erected brick buildings until (from a State Superintendent's report in 1888) there were ten brick school houses in Sparta Township, Noble County. They were-
No. 1 - Schlossers - No. 2 - Stone's Hill - No. 3 Greencastle - No. 4 Kreager -
No. 5 Pleasant Valley - No. 6 Sparta - No. 7 Spangle - No. 8 Broadway - No. 9 Indian Village - No. 10 Cromwell School.

After the old log school house at Cromwell was abandoned, no other was built where the village now stands until about 1860., when a frame structure was erected which was used until about 1878. Then a two-story brick house, about 28 x 48 was built at an estimated cost of $2000.

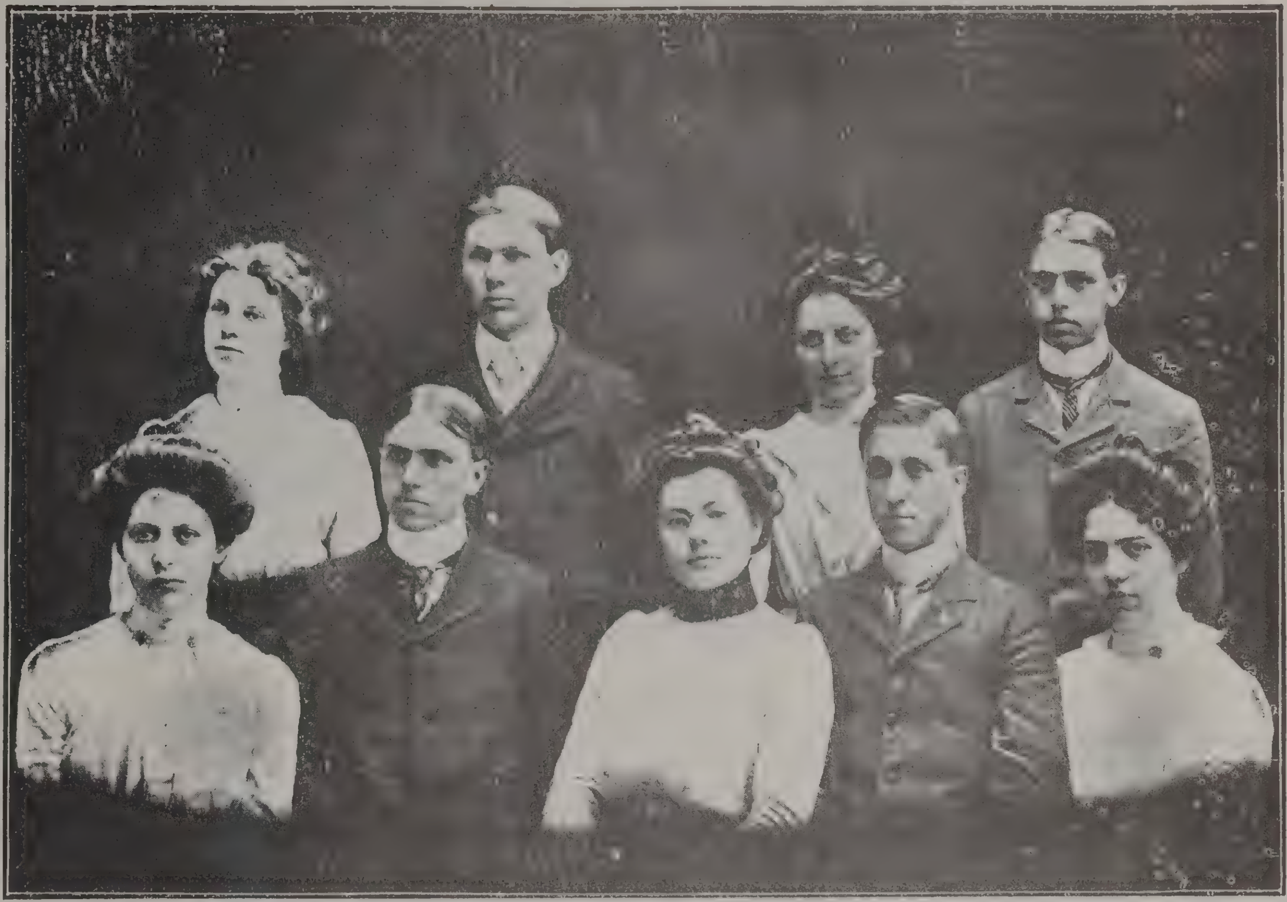
Gradually the old schools of the nine districts were abandoned, consolidating in favor of the ones at Kimmell and Cromwell. Different residents of the Township attended these little one-room schools but they went on to High Schools and as the years pass, dates when these buildings fell into disuse are no longer remembered. A detailed map of their location was carefully drawn and in one file, and it would be interesting to have a conducted tour of all these locations. In some places the foundation is still there; in others, the site is marked in memory alone. Stone's Hill School is still standing, as are Broadway, Spangler and Greencastle. It is interesting to note that the latter was located in the "Dismal" when it rained, the land became so swampy that the youngsters couldn't get to school. Two miles of mud could be an obstacle--even a half mile would be impossible. Then the schools in the Township were two miles apart, now the student travels many miles before he reaches his destination, and as consolidation speeds progress onward, the route may be longer still.

In 1896, the County had its first "Common School" graduation held in Albion. Many eighth graders of Cromwell must have experienced intense excitement at such a big step. Cromwell had its first High School Graduating class in 1897. these years it was a three year course to graduation. In 1900 the first commencement exercises were held at the Lutheran Church.

Dr. Harold C. Urey - Nobel Peace Prize Winner
Pictured with T. C. Holcomb at the site of the
Historical Marker when Urey visited Noble County
in the 1960's.   Photo by Grace Leatherman

"York Twp. - Oak Grove School - Road 500 N. 100 W.
Dr. Harold Urey taught here in 1911

CLASS OF 1901—ALBION HIGH SCHOOL



CLARA STANLEY CARNA VORIS JOSEPHINE MILLER EDWIN K. BELT
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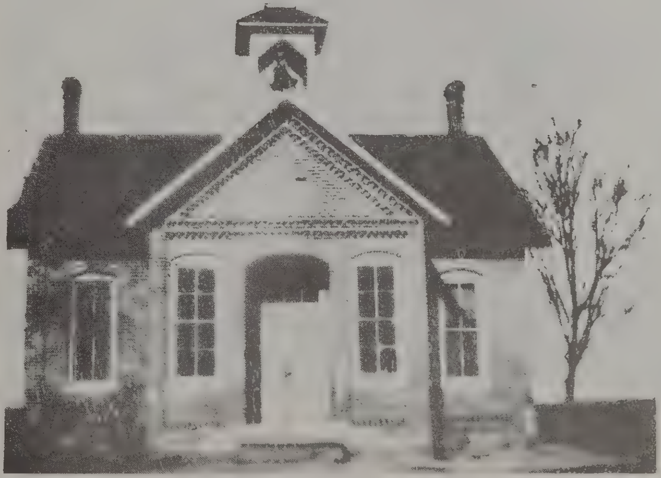
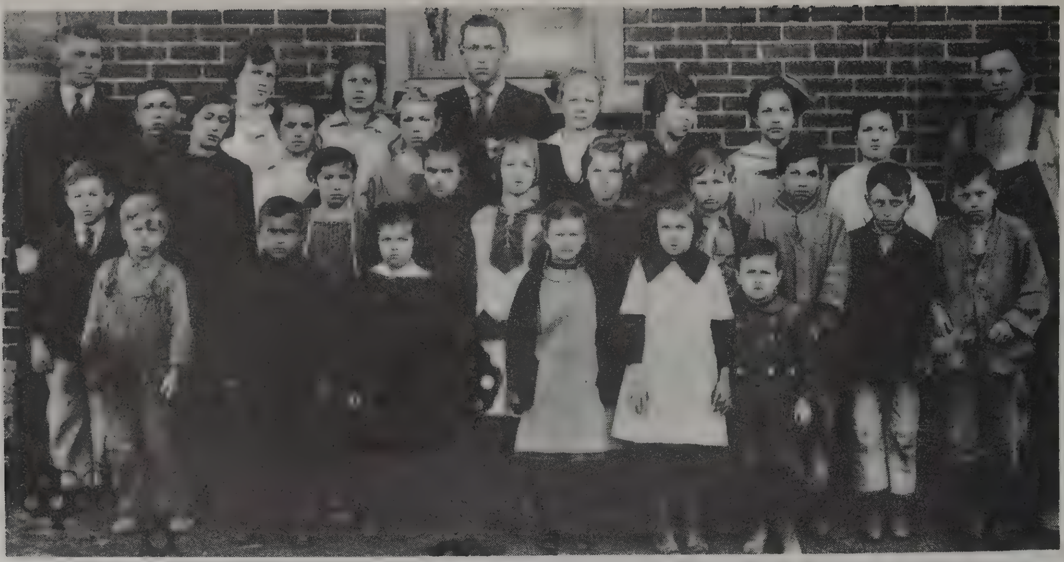


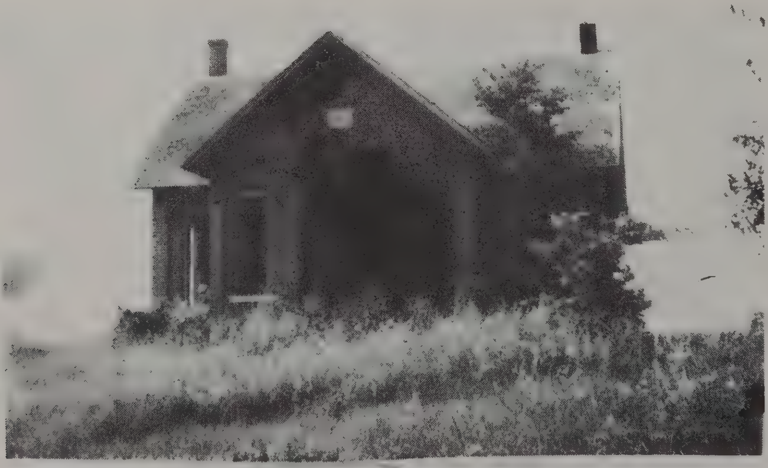
OAK HILL SCHOOL - Washington Township



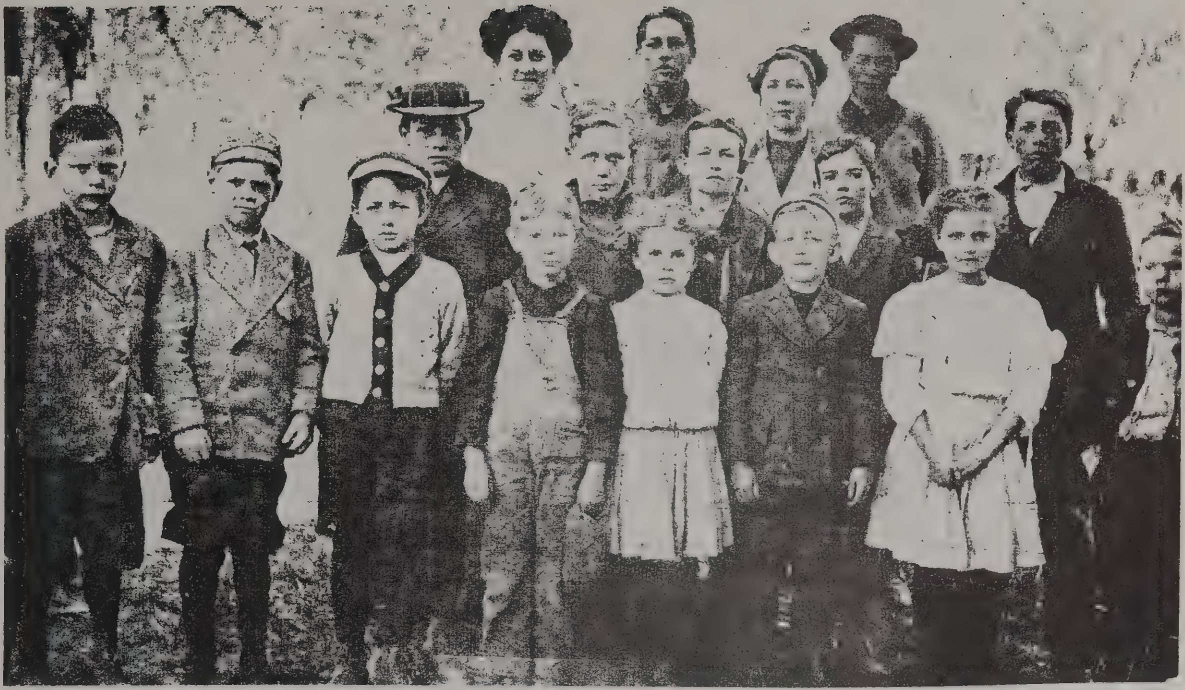
BRUSHWOOD SCHOOL - Washington Township
1916 - 1917
District No. 5

Back Row - Corlos Seymoure - teacher; Mary Stump; Mary Hontz; Milo Weigel; Jennie Stump; Ruth Wineland Mildred Hontz; Maude Johnson; Arlo Weigel.
Second Row - Paul Stump; Floyd Bolton; Estella Stump; Mae McDonald; Esther Bolton; Erma Hontz; Hazel Hunter; Dorothy Beers; Helen Breninger; Clarence Stump; Scott McDonald; Emil Hickman and Joe McDonald.
Front Row - Dale Hontz; Walter Hunter; Aileen Hunter; Mary Lois Beezley; Bessie Hammon Robert Hammon.

Courtesy Helen Pollock



BRUSHWOOD SCHOOL
Washington Township about 900 W. 350S



STONE HILL SCHOOL, Sparta Twp - 1909

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ottom Row - Paul Tucker; Melvin Schlotterback; Keith Wingard; Mildred Kimmell; Cleo
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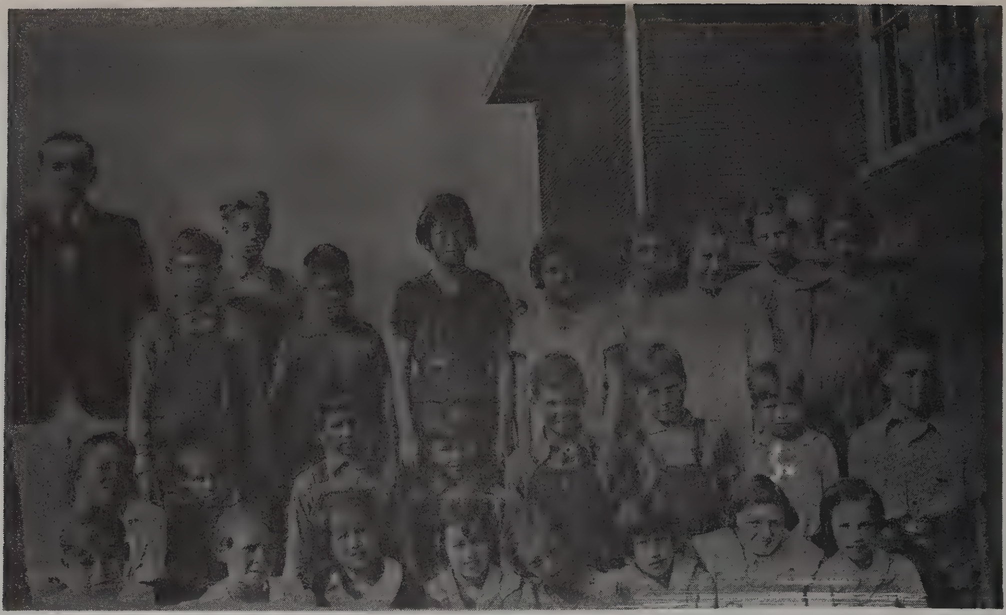
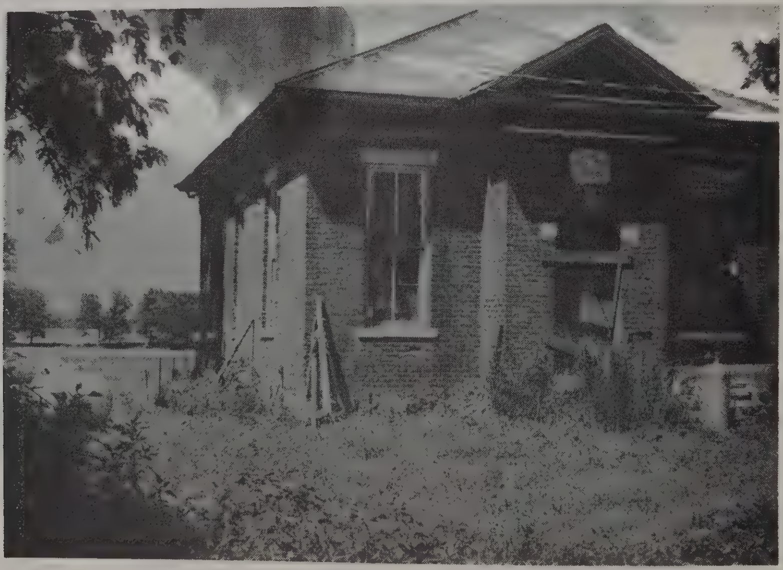
OAK GROVE SCHOOL - York Twp - 1926 - 1927
Courtesy of Edrie Werker



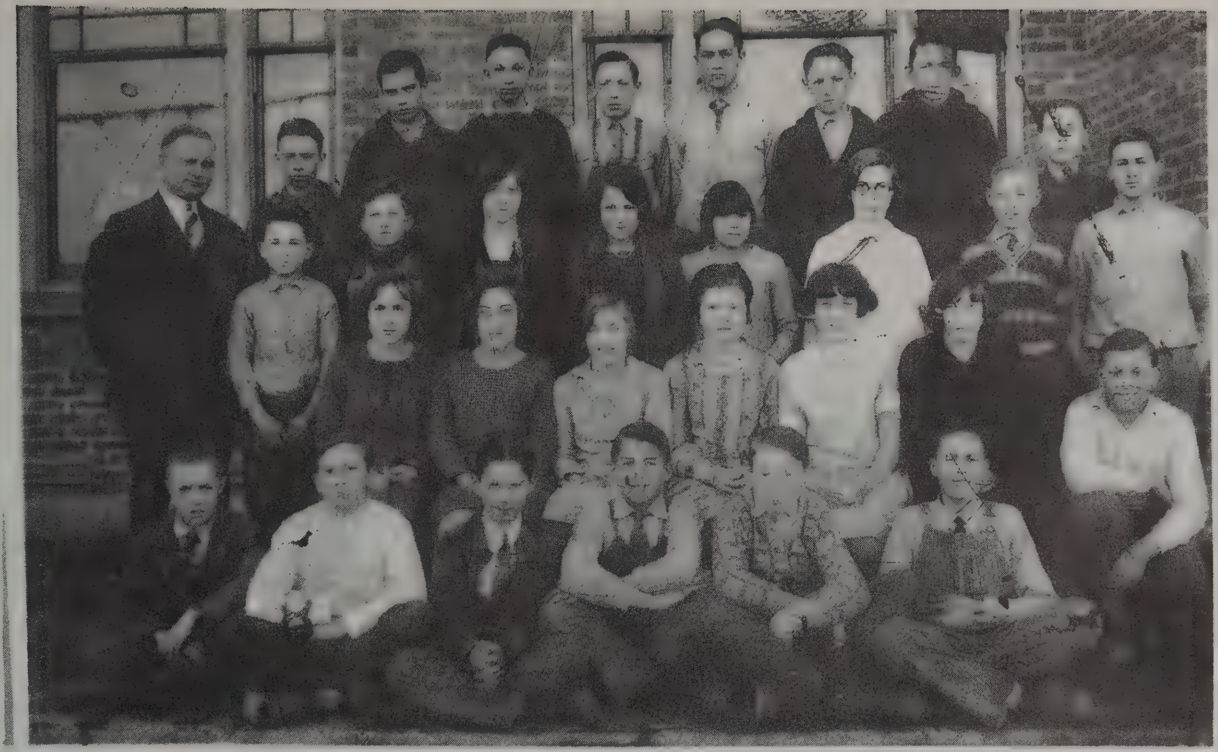
NORTH ELKHART SCHOOL - 1934
Elkhart Twp - John Todd Teacher

Fifth and Sixth Grades - John Todd.Teacher-

Front Row -John Musser; ___;___Betty Ross;___Phares; ___; Margaret Rice
Lavoncha Hunter.
Second Row - ___; ___; Varen Manier; ___; Wayne Gonser; Robert Jacob; Delbert
Sheley; _____.
Third Row - Maurice Minier; _____; _____; _____; _____; Beulah Mae Shrock; ____;
Dorothy Walburn;
Top Row ; John Todd, teacher and Ted Steinbarger.
Photo Courtesy of John Todd



LITTLE LAKE SCHOOL
Noble Twp.
500 S. and 300 W.



WAYNE CENTER SCHOOL - Wayne Township, Grades 7 and 8, 1927 and 1928

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Second Row: Thurlo Holcomb, teacher; Lee Sawyer; Gilbert Baumle; Mildred Uhl Opal Ramsey; Delores Hinkley; Josephine Likes; Edward Streick; Lavon Haney.
Third Row: Leona Schuman; Ruth Hill; Teresa Dicken; Edna Rogers; Edna Shari; Marguerite Cook; Henry Trindle.
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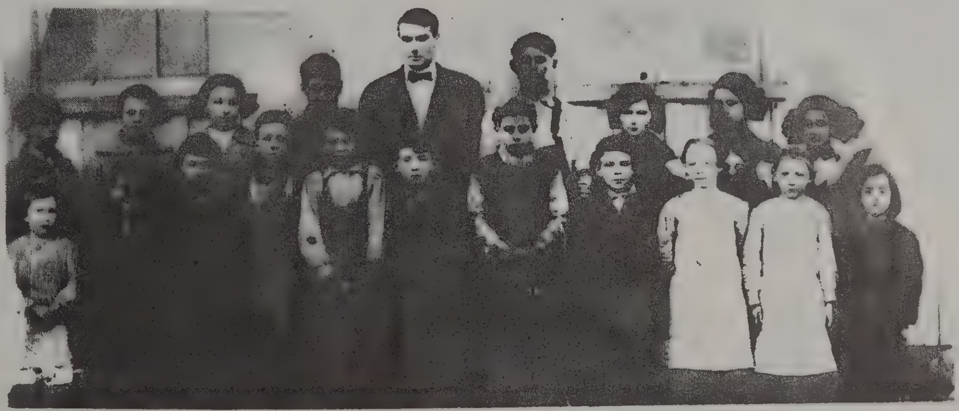
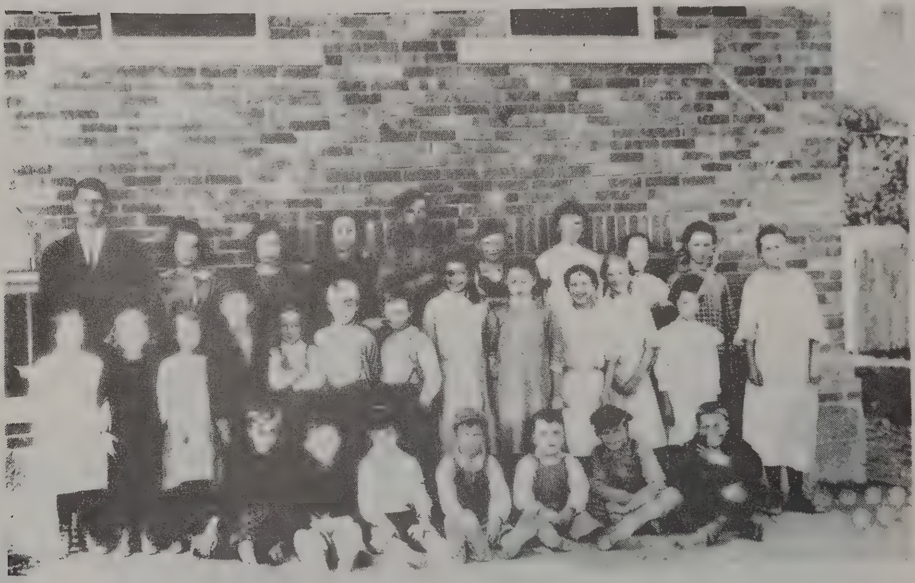


WASHINGTON CENTER SCHOOL 1914-1915
Clarence Mawhorter, Teacher

Top Row: Mildred Rotter; Leora Hartsock; Velma Metz; Mack Hartsock; Clarence Mawhorter, Teacher; Guy Ritter; Ruth Weigel; Forest Pontius, Curtis Weigel.
Bottom Row: Unknown, ________, ________, Ralph Hontz; Ellen Murphy; Ralph Miller; Harry Hontz; Roy Beach; Ray Ritter; Bernard Ritter and Flossie Miller.

Photo Courtesy Guy Ritter-

LAST PORT MITCHELL SCHOOL



PORT MITCHELL New Schoolhouse 1913

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School Officers: C. V. Kilgore, County Superintendent
Charles Dawson, Trustee

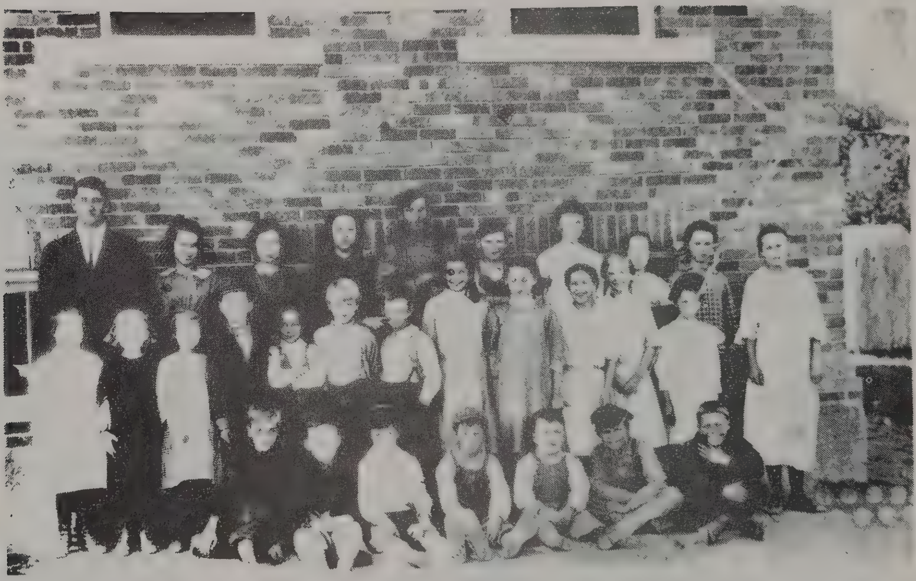
NOBLE COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AT ALBION 1901
West Side of Courthouse in Albion

E. L. Adair, Front row; Light hat was County superintendent of Schools.
A few others in the group are Wm. Harsh; Ed Prickett; Tom McGuire; Dave Taylor; John McGuire; Virgil Nobles; Arthur Kimmell; Ella Baughman; Ora Seymoure; Edna Purdy; Dan Starkey; Edith Franks; Hazel Gray; Robert Stewart; Anna Seymoure; Perry Kaiser; Cora Meyer ______Moorehouse; Elmer McDonald; John Earl; Alta Shaffer and Naomi Penn.

Albion

CLASS OF 1900

Ethel (Malony) Jopp Jane Green Everett C. Huston
Will Stoops Ruby (Lash) Rendel Kate (Smith) Dilgarde
Stacy S. Steel Lelia (Cockley) Butler Carlos C. Palmer



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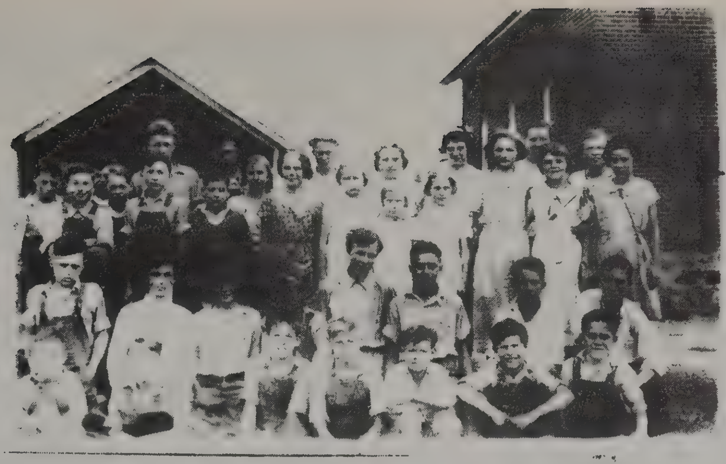

REHOBOTH SCHOOL - Jefferson Twp - WALNUT CROSSING 1934

Harry Dafforn; Tom Knight; Elman Ott; Robert Easterday; Don Trittipo; ____Zolman; **Maynard Parker.**
Glade Bushong; Woodward Dilts; Junior DeCamp; Carroll Leitch; Russel Dilts; Arnold **Brumbaugh;** ______Baker.
Dallas Hile; Herb Trittipo; Harold Bushong; Kenneth Trittipo; Gladys Diets; Edna **Leitch;** Lavon Leitch; Betty Knafel; Marceil Boggs; Leona Jacobs; Myrtle Collier; **Gale Dafforn;** Wayne Kreiger; Rex Prouty; Glade Dreibelbiss; Ruth Lovall; John Gaff; **Eileen Jacob;** Marciel Frief; Donna Prouty;________Benjamin.
Dale Guthrie was the Teacher

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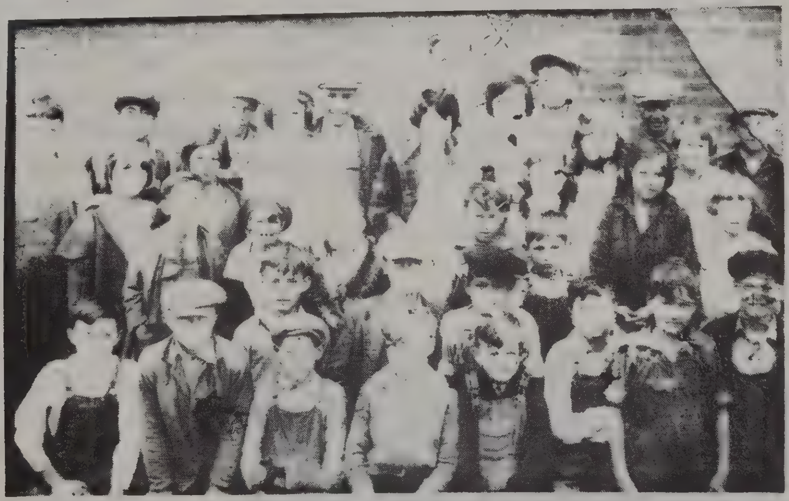
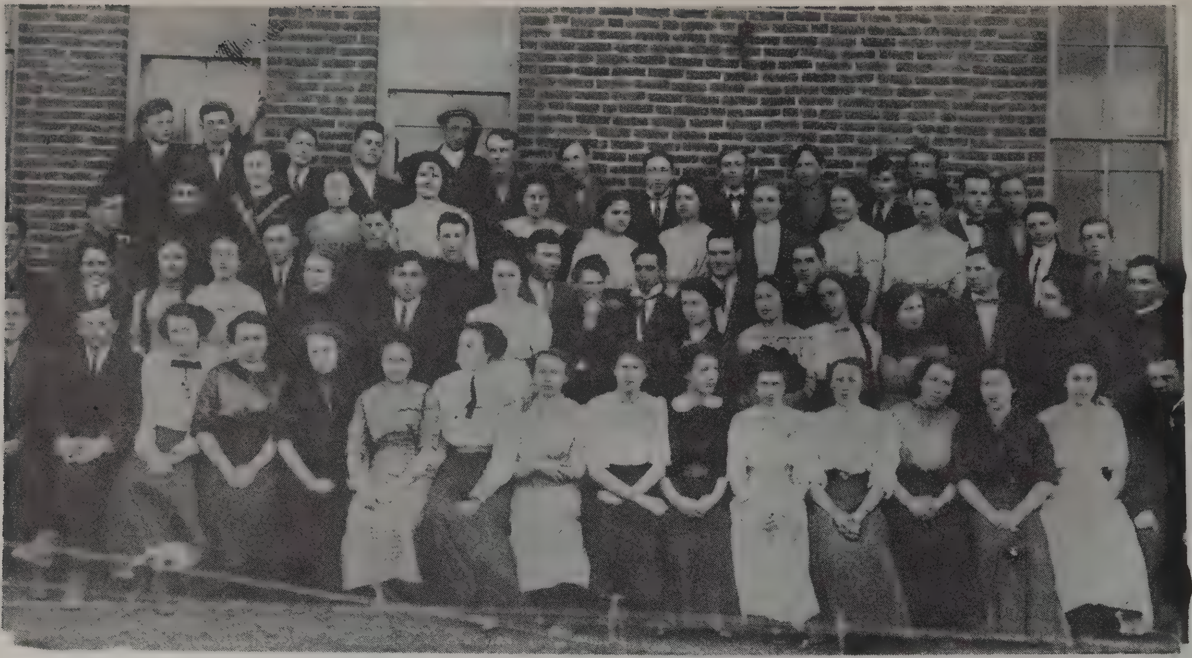


REHOBOTH SCHOOL - Jefferson Township - Walnut Crossing-
Grades 1 - 8 about 1932

Harold Bushong; John Gaff; Don Trittipo; Tom Cook; Donald Kline; Dallas Hile;
Bill Bushong; Kenneth Trittipo.
Junior DeCamp; Hubert Leatherman; Glade Bushong;________Jaquay
Maynard Parker; Lois Kline; Phyllis Brown;_______Jaquay; ____Whitford;
Virginia Bushong; Betty Hile;
Leona Jacob; Elnora Jaquay; Ellen Easterday; Marciel Frete; Donna Prouty;
Eileen Jacob; June Parker-
Robert Brumbaugh; Luther Leatherman; Rex Prouty; Charles Brumbaugh; Dale Guthrie **teacher;** Franklin Jacob; Glade Dreibelbiss; and Wayne Kreiger.

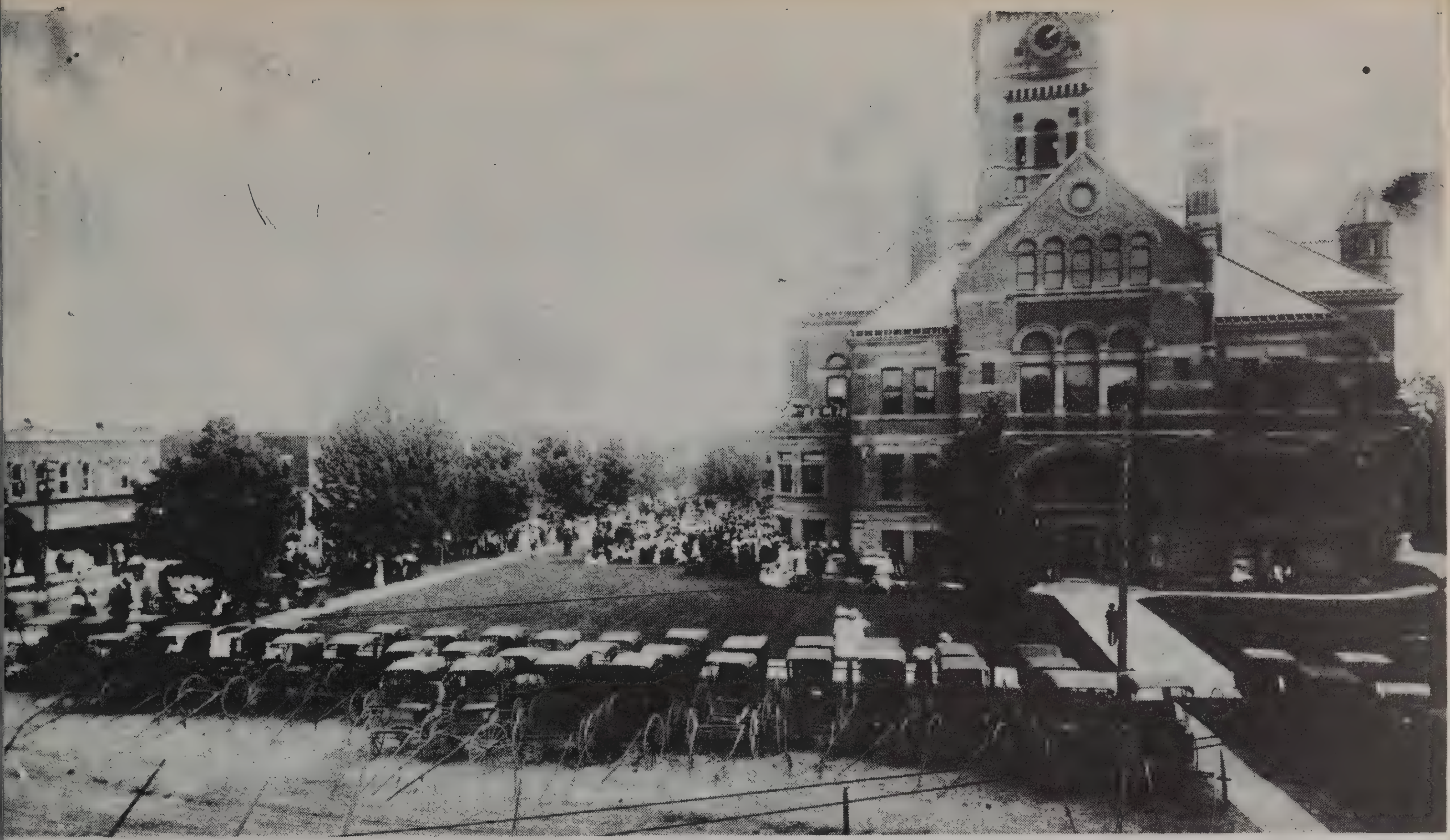
Photo courtesy of Harold Bushong Teacher - Dale Guthrie



ENTIRE WOLF LAKE HIGH SCHOOL IN 1911-1912

Front row; - W. D. Stump,ASSt. Prin; Ted Hile, Leona Surfus, Lottie Lindsey, Fern Ling, (music); Ruth Foster, Mamie Thomas, Addie Lindsey. Vera Skidgel, Gladys Johnson, Blanche Vanderford, Mamie Bonar, Oma Shew, Ilo Miller, Vere Goppert, M. R. Buckles, Prin; Second Row: John Kiester, Eaton Baughman, Veva Gray, Marie Smith, Prentis Wiley, Bertha Buckles, Jesse Targgart, Harold Cullars, Lowell Koontz, Beulah Huntsman, Hugh Luckey, Walter Miller, Roy Harlan, Ermal Bender, Clarence Mawhorter, Marguerite Wiley, Max Rapp, Ruth Yonker, Hazel Sittler, Barney Hile, Opal Beezley, LeRoy Smith. All others Left to Right; Orval Nesbit, Dae Targgart, Thurlo Holcomb and Roy Buckles(window), Cecil Bender, Wayne Thunander, Bernice Smalley, Sam Kuhns, Alma Sparrow, Bob Wysong, Harvey Ott, Clara Stewart, Harlan Pressler, Zoe Shew, Virgil Winebrenner, Roswell Earnhart, Erma Fruchey, Anna Weigel, Jesse Winebrenner, Mamie Stump, Carlos Seymoure, Royce McGuinn, Florence Beers, Carter Richmond, Victor Reed, Bonford Fair, Lambert Persing.

PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL
York Township - Section 4
Attended by Dr. Earl Butz-
former Secretary of Agriculture

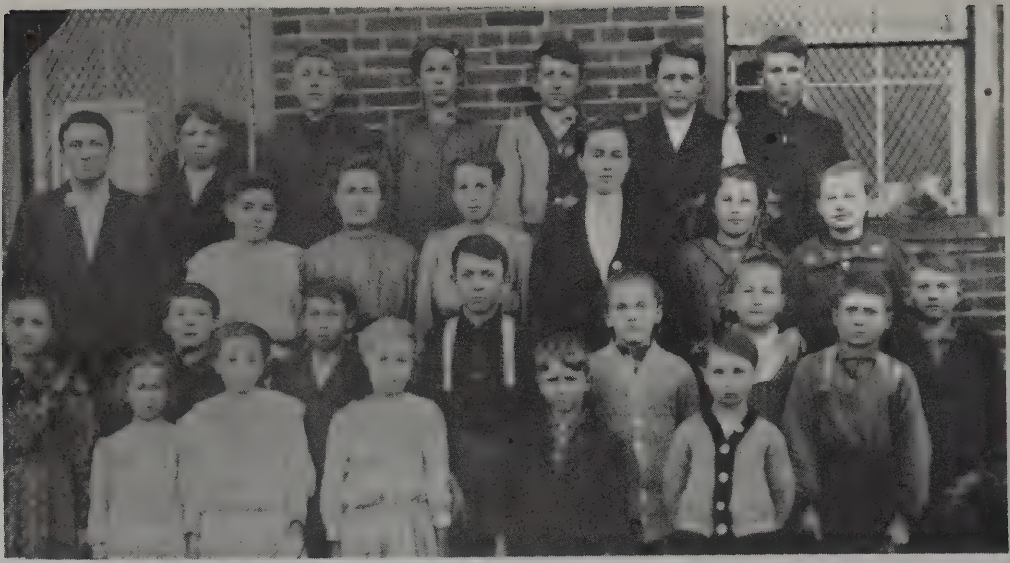


ighth Grade Commencement - Albion May, 1900

COMMENCEMENT DAY, May 27, 1900 - saw eighth graders from all of Noble County's Township schools gather in Albion to receive their diplomas and take part in field day events. Commencement took place on the East steps of the Courthouse and the athletic events were conducted in Lemmon's field located between West Main and West Hazel Streets across from the cemetery. After the diplomas were presented all the graduates would move on to the Opera House north of the square to hear lengthy orations on the future and their role in it. Eighth grade examinations taken in April and May were of considerable importance. To pass on to High School, an overall grade average of 75 per cent was required with no subject below 60 per cent. If these standards were not met, the student would continue in school until aged 16 when he would most likely go out into the world to a job.

(Photo from the collection of Marion Erwin)

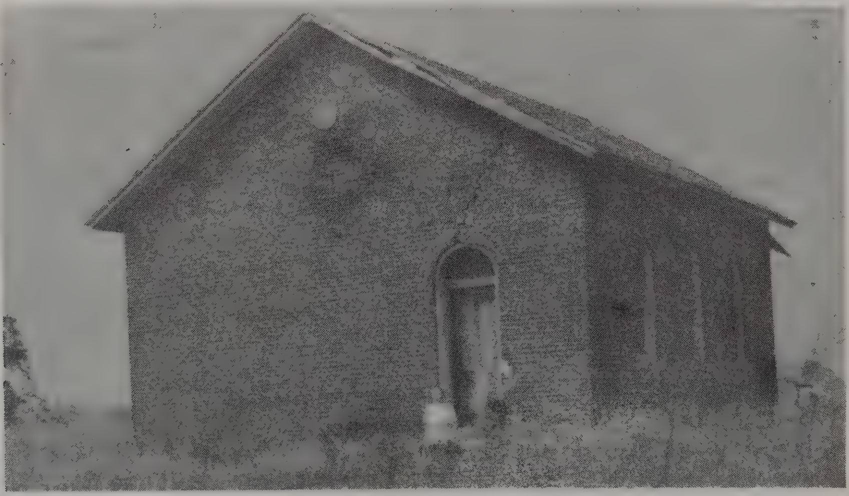
LONGYEAR SCHOOL BUILDING - Wayne Township Section 16 - Co. Rd. 900 N. at Ind. 3



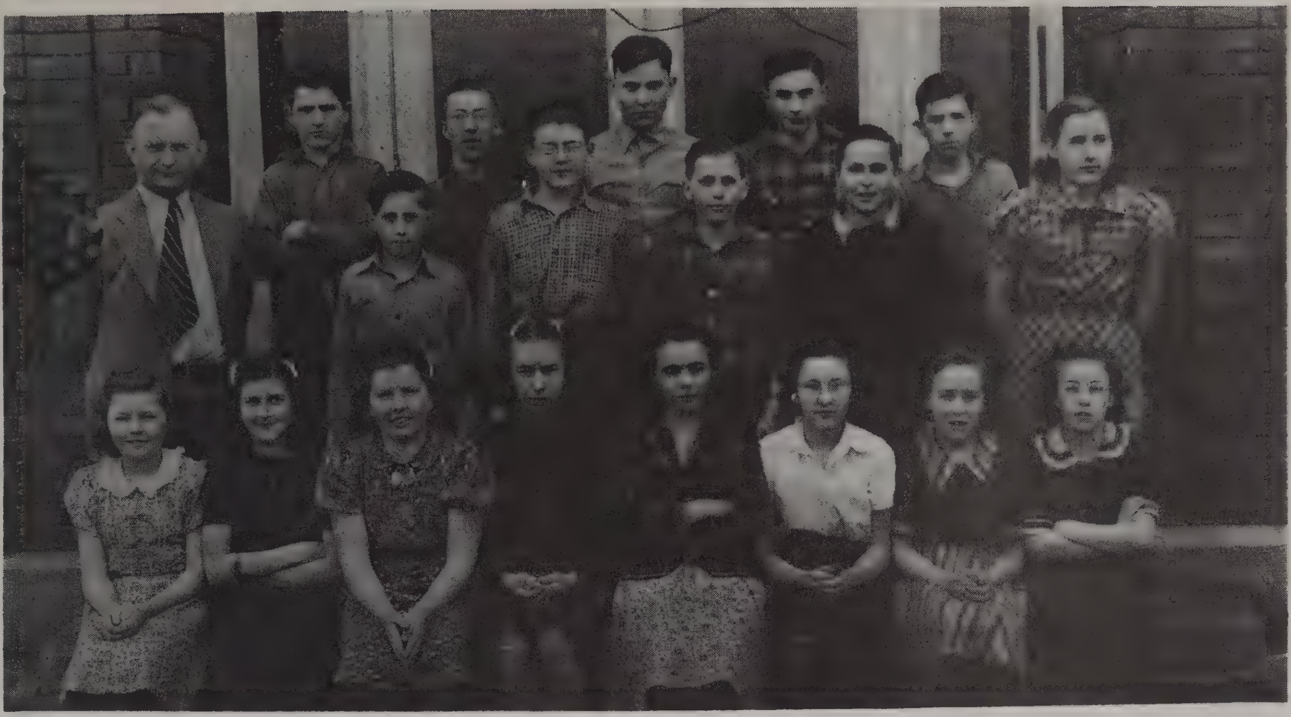
SALEM SCHOol - Washington Twp. - 1900

Lloyd C. Douglas graduated from her in 1892-

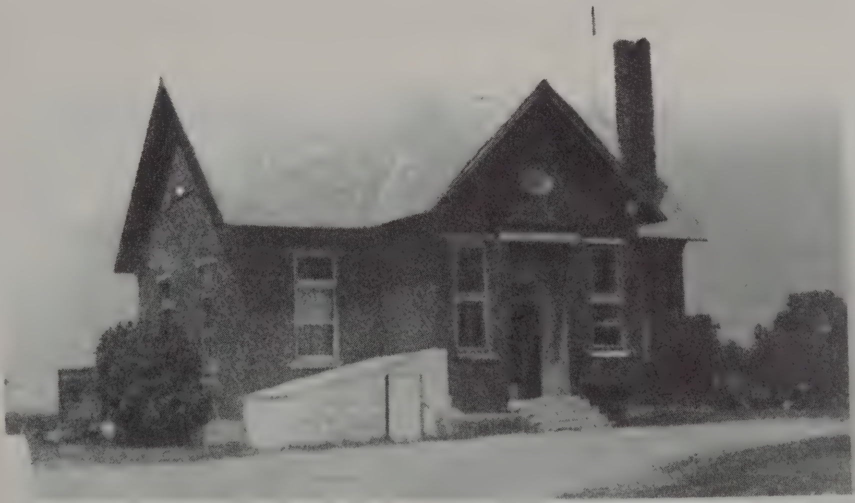
Back Row - Joe Roush; Loven Sroufe; Guy Hickman;______;_____;_____; Roy Eaton Teacher-
Second Row - Naomi Chaney; Pauline Gerard; Mildred Drake; Esther Smith; ___; Vickie Howell;
Third Row: Jay Ferris; Virgil Stump; Cora Reed; Mary Breninger; Charles Hamman; Dewey Scott; Zib Sroufe;
Front Row - Claude Hartsock; Dorothy Drake; Wava Howell; Estella Stump; and Mary Sroufe.
Photo Courtesy of Helen Pollock



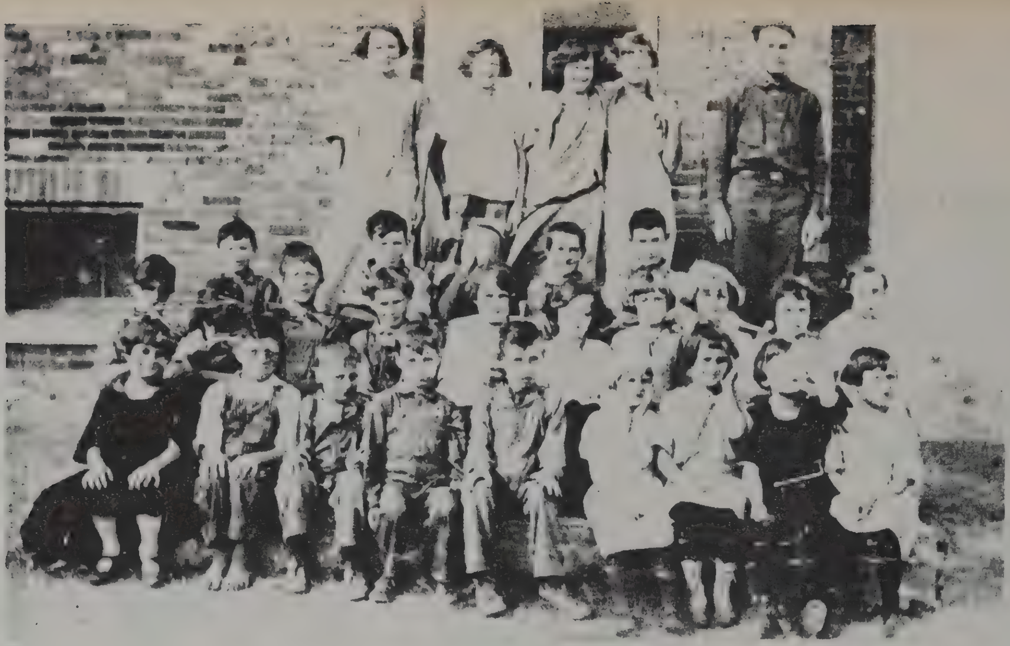
REHOBOTH SCHOOL
Jefferson Township - Built 1877
1919 Teacher posing in front-



North Elkhart - Grade 7 - 8 1939- 1940 -
Bottom Row - Mary Lou Jett; Joyce Oesch; Donna Smith; Mozelle Gill; Janis Riddle, Francis Bish; Esther Wooten; Una Musser.
Middle Row - Keith Ramsby; John Rose; Wilton Phares; Gerald Steele; Phyllis Brown.
Back Row - Dewane Sheley; Everett Quinn; Chas. Ramer; John Gilbert; Dallas Lung; Thurlo Holcomb, Teacher.



York Township - PUCKER STREET SCHOOL - District 3



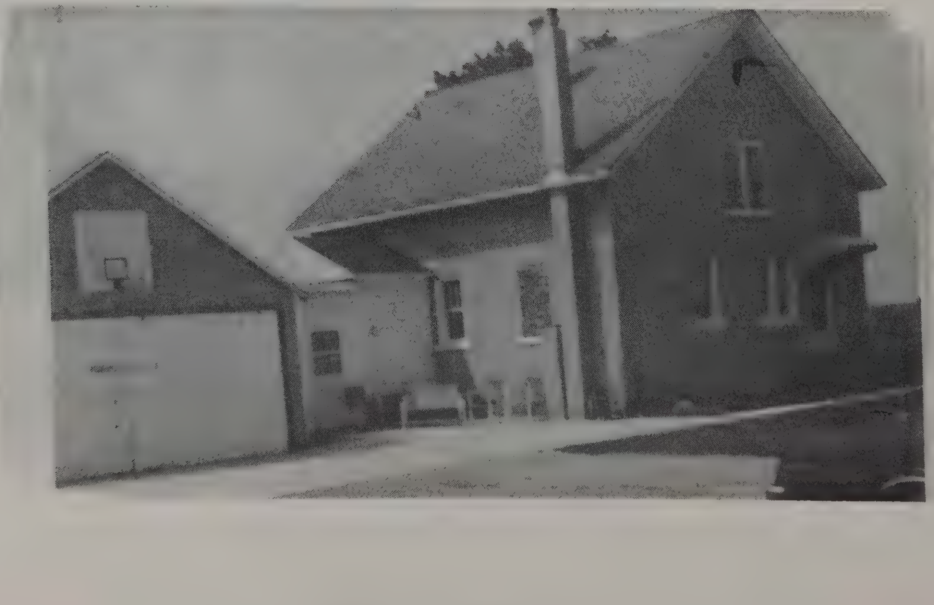
PORT MITCHELL SCHOOL - 1924 - 1925

First Row - left to right; Ruth DePew; Robert Cleland; Harry Adair; Gilbert Cole; Walter Hile; Ruther Luther Bouse; Virginia Stewart; Velva Long Martin; Ralena Oliver Collinsworth.

Second Row - David Bonar; Roy DePew;Paul Hile; Orland Jerrid; Leila Cleland Schutt Helen Dawson Miller; Thela Cleland Luther; Erma Luther Lux; Mabel Stewart; Dorothy Hile.

Third Row - Clarence Seaburg; Dale Mawhorter; Fred Stewart; Edwin Jerrid; Willie Hile;

Standing - Lera Long Bender; Irma DePew Mawhorter; Susan Bnta; Mabel Bonar Barr; Gerald Mawhorter.



SWEET SCHOOL
Jefferson Township - Section 10

AUMSBAUGH SCHOOL CLOSED

Albion, October 5, 1899 - The Ansbaugh school in Jefferson Township has been discontinued after running one week, on account of the small enrollment. The pupils have been transferred to the Port Mitchell school in York Township and to the Albio schools. The teacher, Miss Dessie Black has accepted a position in the Sugar Grove School starting last Monday.

HUCKLEBERRY SCHOOL TO BE REBUILT - 1910

"Huckleberry" school house located in district No. 6 Green Township, has been famous for many years as being located in the neighborhood where Marvin Kuhns spent his boyhood days. Last January, the schoolhouse was burned and now it is to become famous again by being rebuilt, making the best school house in the township. Messrs. Lesslie Moore and Lewis Summers, contractors were in the city Monday for material with which to finish the building, and report that it will be ready for occupancy by next Monday - Albion Paper.

ZION SCHOOL HOuse Burned-Jan., 1910

Jan. 6, 1910: The Zion school house, largest enrollment in Jefferson Township was destroyed by fire of unknown origin. The teacher was Miss Ellen Moorhouse The Harvey school, two miles distant, and abandoned for six years was reconditioned to take care of the 36 district No. 1 pupils. An Albion Paper

1918 - AVILLA HIGH SCHOOL HAS GRADUATION

In 1918, Avilla High School had but five graduates - Raymond Foster; Agnes Myers; Carrie Wheeler; Mary Kokenge and Margaret Miller.

In 1921 - Seven Pupils graduated from the 33d Annual Commencement of Avilla High School The three girls and fojr boys included Helen M. Knox; Don M. Bair; Ruth A. Miller; Lois M. Dolan; Beulah K. Hess; Basil A. Offord and Kenneth R. Hersh.

AVIllA CLASS OF 1911 - Graduation

The program was presented by the graduates and included-

God of Israel and Carmena Waltz - High School		
Oration, Future of United States		Jennie Halferty
Oration, Honor to Whom Honor is Due		Ruth Yeiser
For-get-me-not	High School	
Oration, Power of Modern News Papers		Lottie Veasey
Danube Waltz	High School	
Oration, Folly of Trying to Please		Bertha Shaneline
High School Chorus.		
Class History		Mabel VanGorder
Class Prophecy		Marjorie Kinney
Quartett	Club	
Biography		Lesta Henney

A reception was held at the close of the program -
Class colors, puple and gold.

Albion HS Class of '28 Holds Reunion

Albion High School's class of 1928 gathered for its 50th reunion at Central Noble High School last Saturday afternoon. Present for class photograph (above) were, front row, from left: Fred Clouse, Arthur Stringfellow, Avon Schwab, Russell "Tut" Ray and Dale Weimer. Second row, from left: Marcelle Foote, Mildred Baker Ice, Jane Ray Willets, Hazel Schutt Quaintance, Madge Carmichael Cunningham and Ena Kirkpatrick Smith. Third row: Helen Brumbaugh Riddle, Thelma Owen Jones, Grace Brumbaugh Tipton, Alberta Seely Rauh, Pauline Weimer McPheters, Leone Gatwood and Alma Runge Butler. Back row: Paul Marshall, Arthur Priest and Hubert Singleton. (Photo by Harriet Metz). Photograph below was furnished by "Tut" Ray and shows class photograph taken in 1928 in front of present CN Middle School. Class members in 50th reunion photo posed in same location as they are shown in 1928 photo. Photo below, front row, from left: Clouse, Stringfellow, Schwab, Ray, Kenneth Black and Weimer; second row, from left: Foote, Merry Clouse, Baker, Marian Eagles Mendenhall, Ray, Schutt, Carmichael and Kirkpatrick; third row: Elizabeth Trittipo Dreibelbis, Garnold Kettleborough, Brumbaugh, Owen, Brumbaugh, Seely, Weimer, Gatwood, Runge, Glen Willets and Principal C. E. Appleman. Back row: Ira Brill, teacher; Clayton Wright, Marshall, Harry Metz, Keith Seymoure, Priest, Harry Culler and Singleton.

SWAN TOWNSHIP

Our young friend, W. S. Gandy, formerly principal of the Churubusco High School is now in charge of the Swan Township graded school, at Swan, as principal; and with all his native energy, scholarship and experience brought to bear, is rapidly developing a genuine educational enthusiasm there. A literary society of sixty members (mostly students of the school) meet every Wednesday evening, and Mr. Gandy lectures every Thursday evening on "Good Morals and Gentle Manners." That the citizens of Swan, young and old, will extend every possible encouragement, by good words, active co-operation, is assured by the educational spirit and enterprise manifested in providing for the school. They have a fine two-story brick house.

New Era, Dec. 10, 1874.

NEW LAOTTO SCHOOL BUILDING

The edifice is a two story brick building. The first floor consists of two class rooms, an office, two cloak rooms and a hall. One class room is 25 x 32.2 ft. and the other is 26.6 x 28 ft. The second floor has two class rooms, a lab, and two cloak rooms. The class rooms are the same size as those on the first floor. The Lab. is 11 x 17 ft. The building is heated by furnaces. Construction started on May 20, 1901. Hill and Barker of Garrett were the contractors. The price was $5,950.00. The furnace cost $600 and furniture $160. The bell was furnished by the people of LaOtto. The roof is of slate. John M. Miller is trustee and Frank Rosenberger, Joseph Grame and George Bricker are Advisory Board Members. M. D. Renkenberger is Principal and Will Bolton; Harriet Simon and Grace Wiant as other teachers. Albion Democrat Jan. 30, 1902

SCHOOLS OF SWAN TOWNSHIP

1837 - Samuel Barkwell Building
1842 - Near Cramer (Kings) Lake
1838 - North of Swan
1872 - Simon's Hill - LaOtto
1876 - South Side of LaOtto, built by Bele Broughton with bricks which he himself made.
1901 - Bilger Street and Tamarack Street - LaOtto
1965 - A beautiful new school was built on State road 205 west of highway No. 3. This school houses children from Kindergarten through grade six. The first year, however, we still had a seventh grade.

High School was discontinued at LaOtto in 1937.

September 24, 1965 - The new LaOtto School building was constructed at a cost of some $400,000. It features a large health center, large multi-purpose room and kitchen; full basketball court; outside drinking fountains and rest rooms available from the outside. Enrollment is 213, kindergarten through grade seven.

THE LAOTTO HIGH SCHOOL - Courtesy of Mrs. Turner-

The first school house in LaOtto which was built in 1838, was located south of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and was used until 1901 when a school house was built at the southeast corner of the intersection of Bilger St. and Tamarack St. This school consisted of the grades and a three years' course in High School. There were three teachers in the High School at that time.

In 1902 the first graduating class of LaOtto passed through the doors of their Alma Mater. It was not until 1910 that a four-year course was offered in High School. Some of the former graduates returned to complete the extra years work. As the enrollment increased an addition was added to the south side in 1918.

LaOtto has had 321 graduates. The smallest classes, in 1904 and 1909 had two members each. The largest class was in 1931 with 20 members.

LaOtto High School was discontinued in the spring -of 1937. High School students were then transferred to Avilla or Huntertown. This continued until 1961 when reorganization was voted and Swan Township became a part of the East Noble Corporation.

1902 - LAOTTo HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES - 1937

1902- Nathan Coil; Floyd Warner; Clement Wonsettler; Melvin Yarian; Zora Yarian.
1903 - Nettie Dudlay; Maude Gorrell; Carl Simon; Enid Simon.
1904- Edith Hosler; Roy Potter.
1905 - Rollie Coil; Magie Cuney; Blanche Ditmars; Blanche Holbrook; Don Simon;Floyd Worman.
1906 - Dee Baker, Oris Bilger; Gloys Gause; Josephine Simon; Frank Weller; Mary Whan; Grace Rosenberger.
1907 - Frank Coil; Bertha Holbrook.
1908 - Goldie Coil; Elsie Cobbs; Gertrude DeHoff; Ina Simon; Etta Smith; Hazel Whan; Lillian Yarian; Carl Zinn;
1909 - Gladys Holbrook; Minnie Kelham; Page Perry; Mabel Simon; Clara Sloffer.
1910 - Ina Simon; Mabel Simon; Nellie Wyatt
1911 - Lillie Bilger; Agnes Cuney; Ora Gause; Minnie Kugler; I. Ray Potter; Ralph Prestion; Ina Sloffer.
1912 - Grace Bilger; Freeman Bunting; Albert Coil; Georgiana Harrod; Fred Potter; James Wyatt; Edna Zinn.
1913 - Charles Gorrell; Gladys Sloffer; Walter Whonsettler; Glenn Sloffer; Gertrude Gause.
1914 - Peter Gartski; Walter Shenk; Ina Simon; Myrth Simon; Ralph Wappes.
1915 - Erma Cobb; Grace Dismars; Fred Freeman; Purl Gause; James Harrod; Orville Robinson; Ruth VanAman; Harold Walter Jesse Warner; Adrian Weaver; Willard Yarian; Marie Zinn.
1916 - Carl Bilger; Ralph Bilger; Cora Cooley; George Gause; Mabel Guthrie; Nina Jackson; Pauline McNamara; Perma Rich; Fern Miller; Argyl Simon; Leah Sloffer; Fern Warner.
1917 - Pearl Erwin; Orpha Glawe; Hazel Graber; Gladys Guthrie; Emma Holbrook; Mabel Kugler; Paul Martin; Clifford Simon; Moro Sheets,Myrtle Zinn
1918 - Howard Bosler; Ruth Croy; Edward Fogel; Leona Hawver; Fern Holman; Forrest Hosler; Wilma Hosler; Joseph Kugler; Lenora Simon; Georgianna Wyatt.
1919 - Ruth Braughton; Virgil Bilger; Noble Jackson; Cecil McBride; Ralph Perry; Walter Simon; Charles Wappes; W. O. Wappes.
1920 - Lucille Bolton; Edna Christlieb; Laura Cuney; Howard Ervin; Elnora Growcock; Gladys Gump; R. W. Guthrie; Anna Kugler; Grace Rowe; Grace Simon; George Vallance; Robert Wyatt.
1921 - Harold Barnes; Marie Campbell; Walter Dickes; Howard Holbrook; Grace Montooth; Veryl Simon; Everett Vallance;
1922 - Winifred Gorrell; Fern Gump; Wallace Schourich; Walter Simon.
1923 - Goldie Campbell; Vuirl Freeman; Leone Growcock; Joanna Jackson; Clell McKeever; Arthur Moore; Stanley Oakes; Dalton Rhodes; Ora Rhodes; Crystall Young.
1924 - Carlton Harrod; Merle Kelham; Gwenevere Kugler; Russell Rowe;
1925 - Arlene Holbrook; Howard Hosler; Virgil Scheurich; Kenneth Simon; Darwin Troyer; Enos Young; Gertrude Young.
1926 - Darwin Bryan; Margaret Freeman; Cecil Rhodes; Leonard Rhodes; Fred Rhodes; Howard Scheurich; Gladys Whonsetler; Kenneth Whonsetler.
1927 - Hazel Campbell; Mary Ditmars; Ella Farmer; Joseph Kelham; Mildred Korn; Andrew Jackson; Lee McDuffee; Nina Weaver; Howard Young.
1928 - Freeman, Ray; Harry King; Everett McKee; Lee McKee; Mildred Renkenberger; Frank Rhodes; Madelene Rhodes; Darrell Troyer; Fern Truelove; Kermit Whan.
1929 - Florence Badger; Maretha Cramer; Melvin Fulk; Helen Hall; Josephine Kistler; Francis Mallon; Willard Miller; Ruel Moore; Mary Simon; Monzella Sloffer; Marcile Snoke; Robert Truelove; Lauren Weaver; Lileth Weaver; Ruth Worman and Marlin Whonsetler.

LaOtto Graduates continued -

1930 - Hilda Bolton; Cleo Campbell; Evalyn Cuney; Robert Guthrie; Russell Kelham; Velda Landgraff; Glade Leiter; Frona Mallon; Harriet Moudy; Merle Renkenberger; Vaughn Truelove; Warren Whan; and Harold Whonsetler.

1931 - Bernard Balliet; William Beltz; Theodore Brindle; Orpha Englert; Cecil Fitch; Kathryn Freeman; Velda Fulk; Marion Garstka; Marjorie Kistler; Martha Kistler; James Mallon; Ruth Marsh; Argyl Mendanhall; Sarah Pepple; Arlo Schug;Glenn Schutt; Emma Simon; Otho Troyer; Catherine Whonsetler; LeRoy Anderson.

1932 - Levon Becker; Cleanora Case; Bruce Coil; Omer Ennis; Andrew Hollis; Wayne Kugler; Robert Leiter; Loretta Pflaidner; George Rhodes; Edward Shenk; Everett Truelove; Marie Wagner and George Whan.

1933 - Mildred Bradley; Mary Jane Beltz; Frona Coil; Ernest Kistler; Demaris Lucky; Catherine Shenher; Russell Shenk; Allen Troyer; Robert Whonsetler; William Worman.

1934 - Lucille Bradley; Elmo Bricker; Ruth Brown; Otho Bryie; James Buchanan; Jesse Fulk; Carrie Leiter; Ruth Lochner; Rowland Parker; Russell Pepple; Louise Richards; Elizabeth Roberts; Donald Snoke; Har-old Snoke; Richard Troyer; Clifford Wappes.

1935 - Vernon Badger; Leona Bryie; Carl Farmer; Don Freeman; Angyl Grogg; Dale Harter; Rex Holbrook; Virginia Kostielney; Cleo Leiter; Mary Lochner; Clara Mallon; Maurice Myers; Goldie Ober; Pauline Pepple; Leona Potter; Clara Schenher; Robert Stonestreet; Paul Striech.

1936 - Robert Anderson; Ruth Appleman; Donald Beltz; Arley Brindle; Frances Case; Hilda Freeman; Howard Fulk; Leona Fulk; James Gray; Leona Harrold; Edward Koenig; Eugene Myers; Lincoln Pepple; Myron Wappes.

1937 - Juanate Beltz; Leita Bradley; Shirley Brown; Edwin Englert; Earl Harshbarger; Robert Heitz; Irene Pepple; Marie Pfleidner; Albert Richards; Homer Schenk; Jack Whan.

LAOTTO HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS
1902 - 1937

Melvin Renkenberger
Will Bolton
Harriet Simon
Grace Wiant
Vermont Finley
John R. Young
Georgianna Copp
Charles Caston
Laura Parks
Junia Wolfe
Chase, Earl
H. F. Rumpf
S. H. Welty
Blanche Ditmars
L. E. Oplinger
Gretchen Smith
M-s. Van Gorder
Virgil Clingeman
Ray Potter
G. Sloffer
G. R. Hall
A. V. Birchfield
Delia Klinger
Merle Blackwood
Mildred Munnich
Fern Miller
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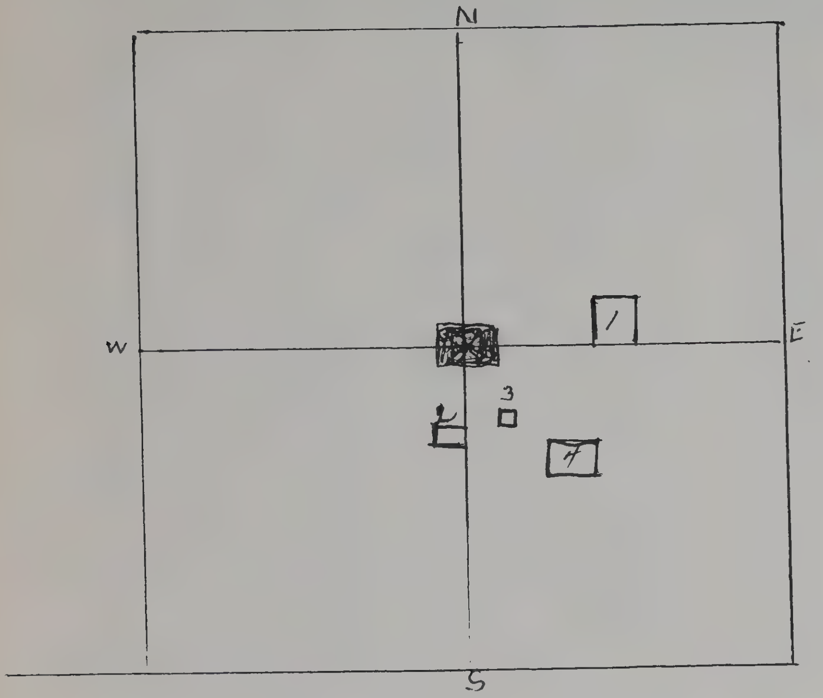


ALBION TOWNSHIP

Albion is in the center of Noble County - the County Seat town-
It is the smallest township in the United States of America

1. Is the present school complex
2. Where the first school was taught in Albion.
3. Normal School of about the 1870's.
4. The old school building unused for many years and torn down in 1960's.

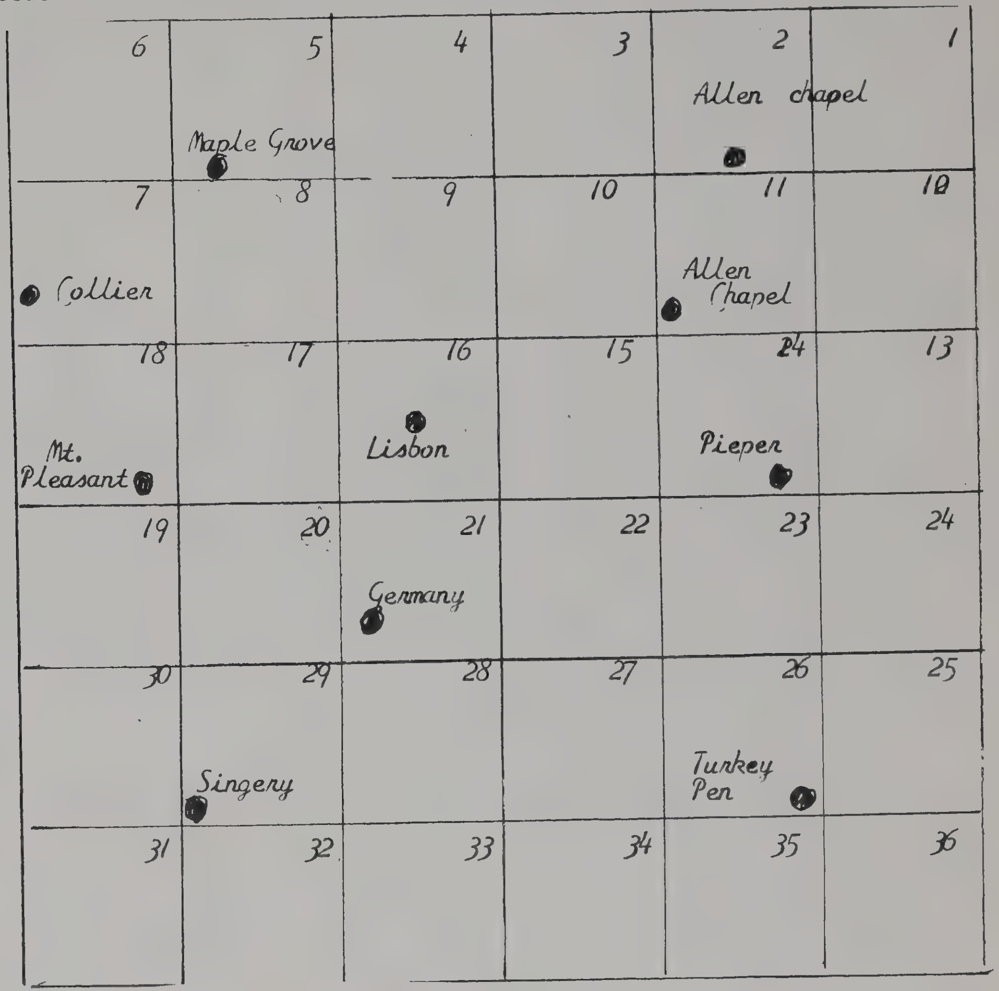
Our locations are approximately correct. Errors will creep in. We apologize if any one-room schools have been omitted. Your correction will be appreciated.

General Willis Eagles and E. Ross Adair, former fourth District Congressman were both products of the Albion Schools.

Albion now has an elementary and the Central Noble Middle and High School Complex is also located here with students from York and Noble Twp & Jefferson attending them in 1979. Central Noble School Corporation has an elementary school at Wolf Lake accommodating grade students thru grade 5 in Noble and York Townships. 1979. Jefferson Twp. students and some York students attend Albion Elementary schools - 1979.

ALLEN TOWNSHIP-Township 34 North - Range 11 East

in 1979, Avilla has an elementary and Middle School as a part of The East Noble School Corporation. St. Mary's Parochial School is located in Avilla.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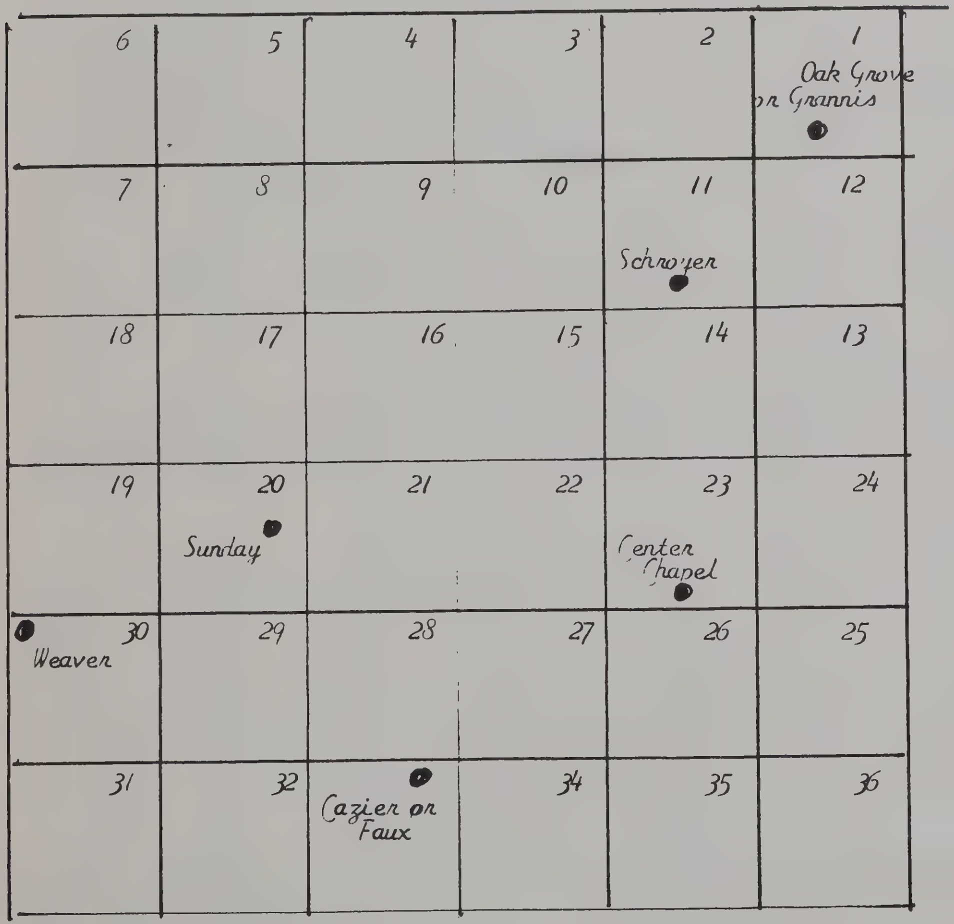
ORANGE TOWNSHIP -

The only school in Orange Township in 1979 is in Rome City - Elementary and Middle School - a part of East Noble School Corporation.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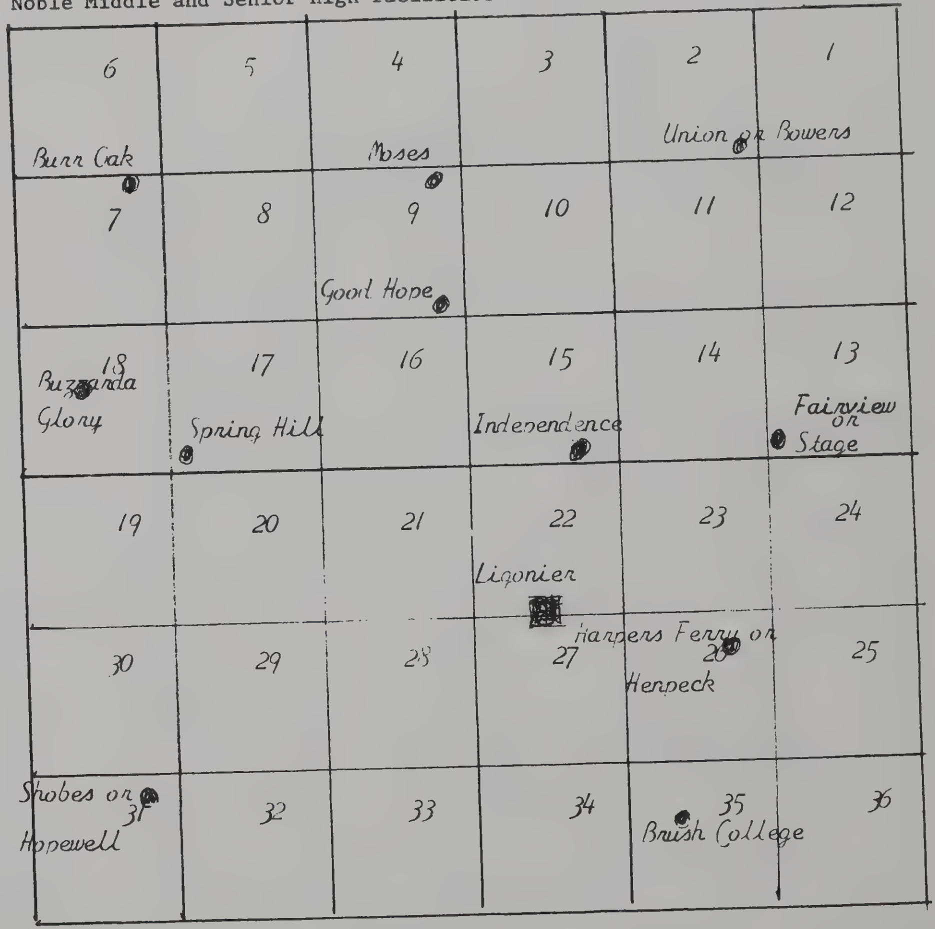
PERRY TOWNSHIP - Twp. 35N. Range 6 East

Dwight Green ex-govenor of Illinois was born and schooled in Ligonier. Perry Twp. has an elementary school in 1979 - They are a part of the West Noble School Corporation which encompasses Perry, Sparta, Elkhart and Washington Twp West Noble Middle and Senior High facilities are located south of Ligonier- 33-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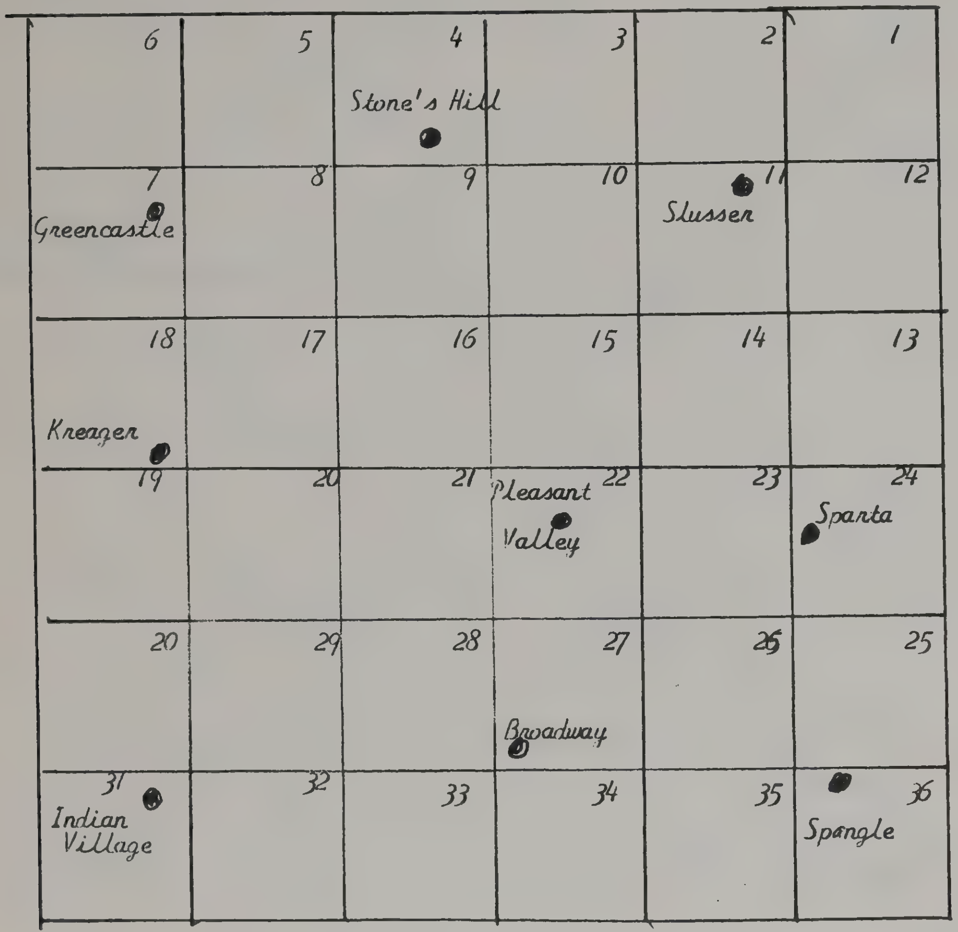
SPARTA TOWNSHIP - Township 34 North Range 8 East.

in 1979, Cromwell has an elementary school as does Ligonier Perry Center and Wawaka in the West Noble School corporation composed of Perry, Elkhart, Sparta and Washington Townships of Noble County.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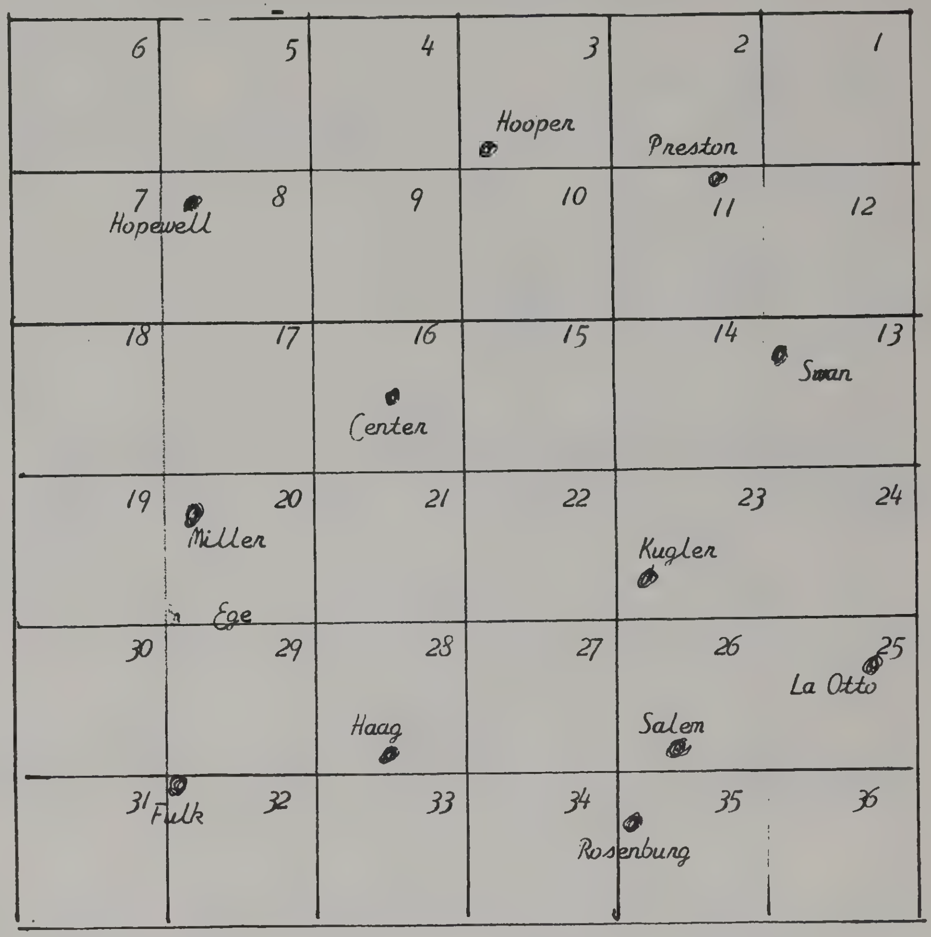
SWAN TOWNSHIP - Township 33 North Range 11 East

LaOtto Still has an elementary school - a part of East Noble School Corp-1979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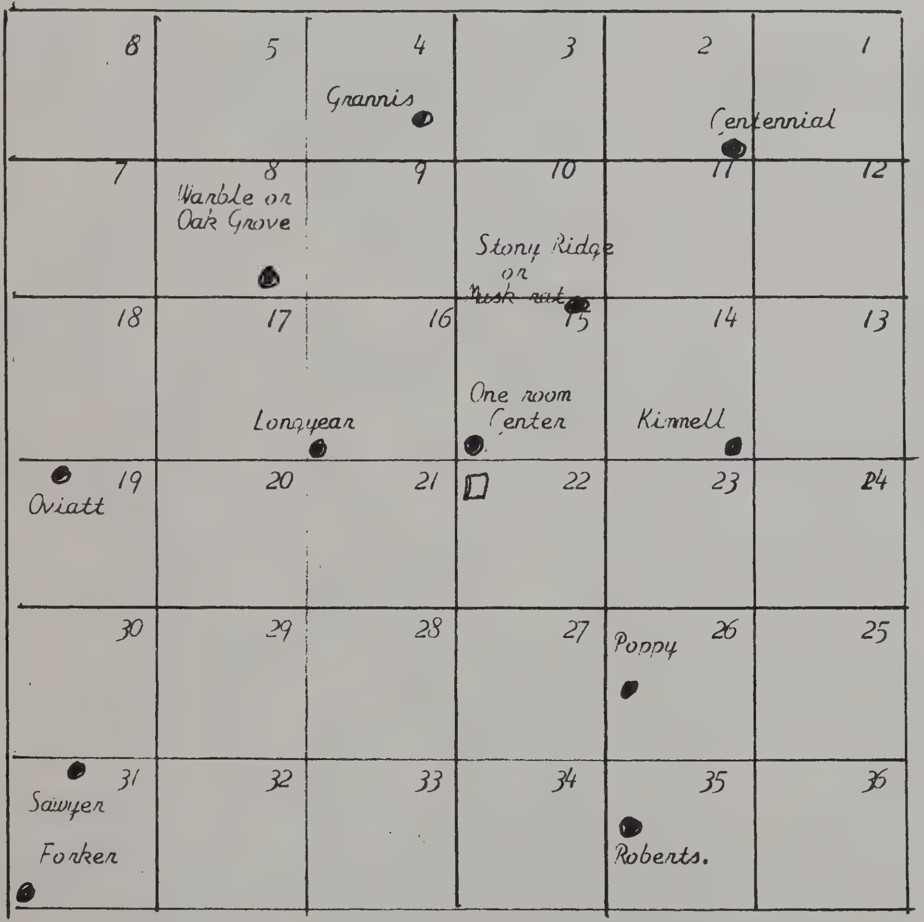
WAYNE TOWNSHIP -

The only school in Wayne Twp in 1979, outside Kendallville is a consolidated grade building at Wayne Center. East Noble School Corporation is in Kendallville and also encompasses Orange and Allen and Swan Townships.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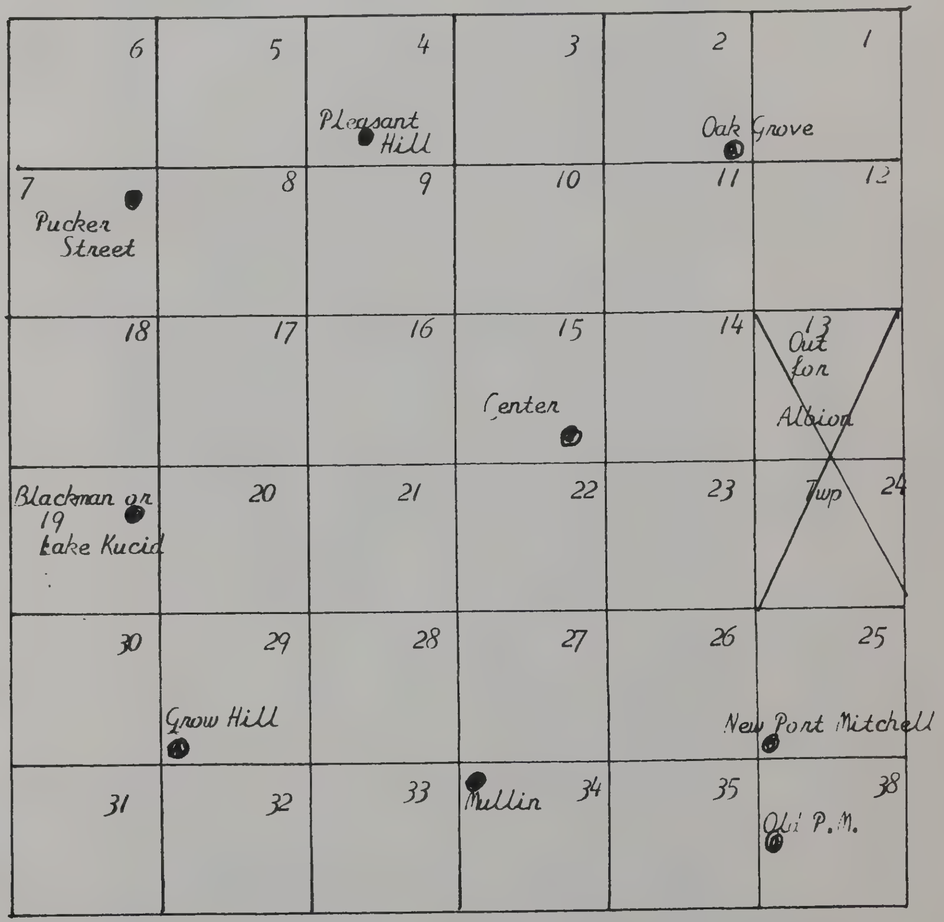
YORK TOWNSHIP - Township 34 N. Range 9 East

York Township elementary students attend the Central Noble facility at Wolf Lake-- some attend Albion Elementary. All other, middle and high school students attend the Central Noble Middle and High School Complex in Albion - 1979

Dr. Earl Butz attended Pleasant Hill School and graduated from Wawaka High School.

Dr. Harold Urey graduated from Kendallville High School and taught at Oak Grove school 1911-19-12.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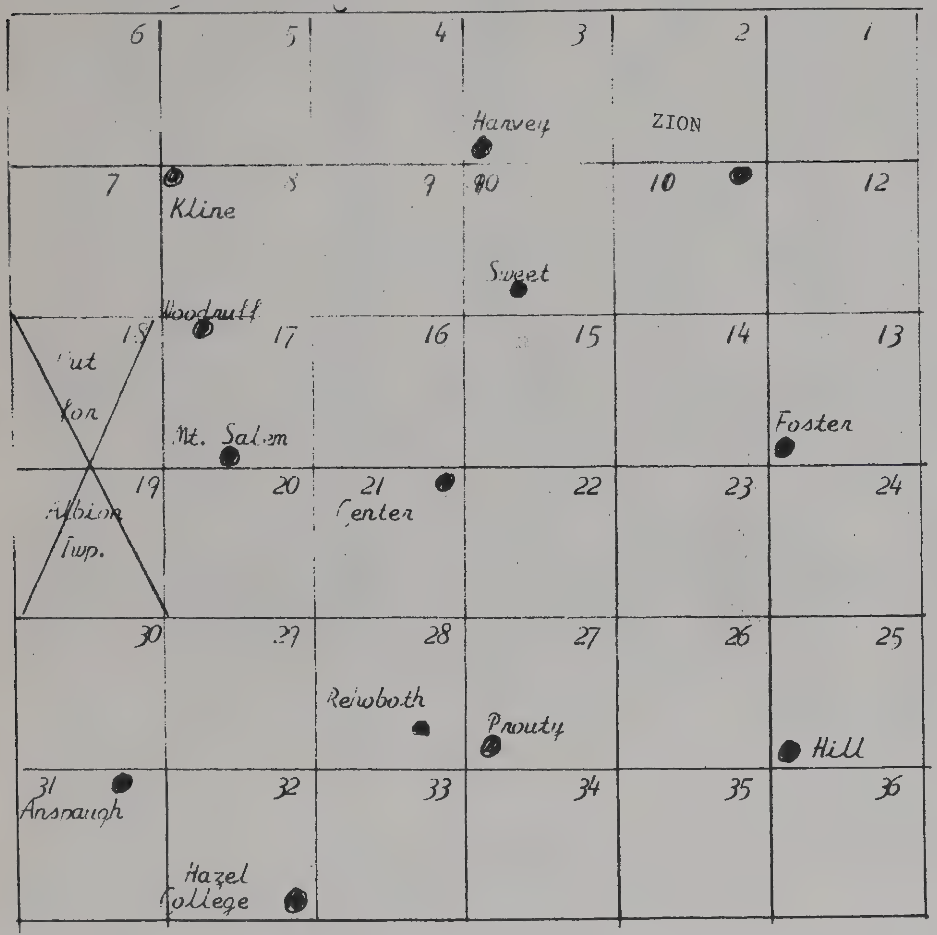
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP Township 34 N. Range 10 East

Jefferson Township Students attend Central Noble complex in Albion - 1979



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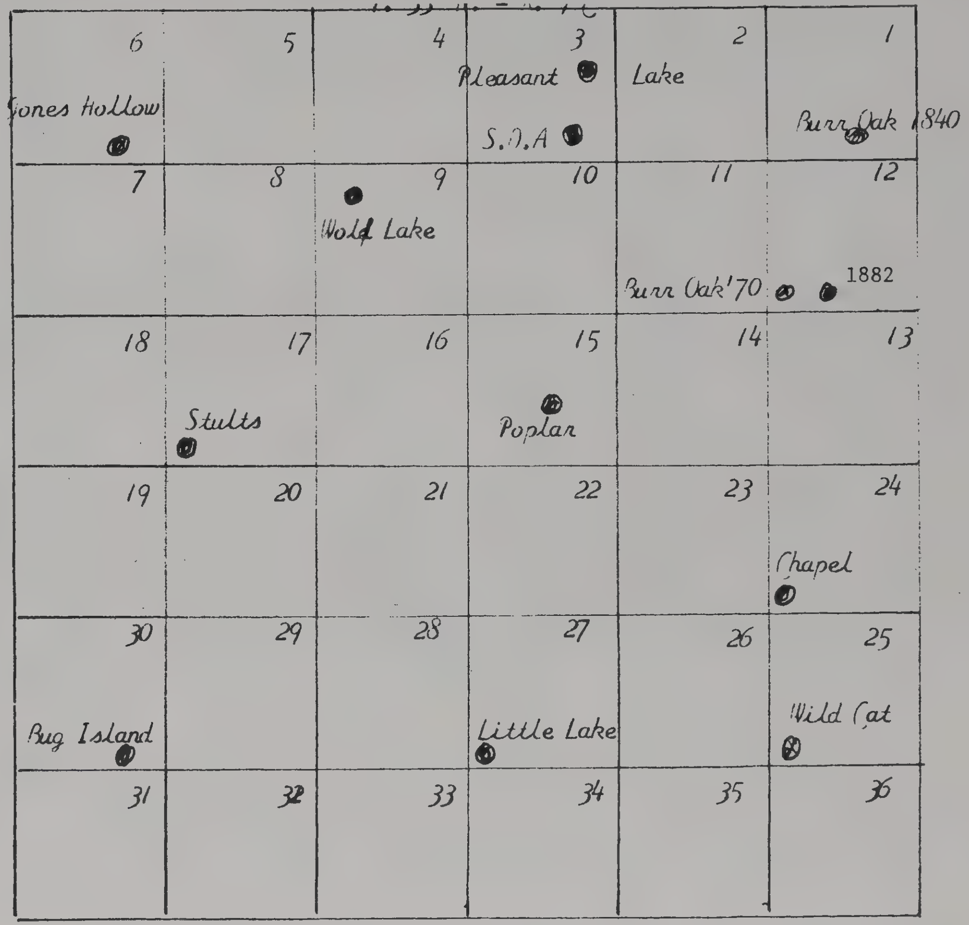
NOBLE TOWNSHIP - Township 33 North - Range 9 East

Elementary students in 1979 attend the Wolf Lake Elementary facility a part of Central Noble School Corporation. Grades 6, 7 and 8 attend Middle School of Central Noble at Albion and High School Students attend the Senior High Complex of Central Noble in Albion.

Joseph Adair, once county superintendent of schools was a product of Stults School.



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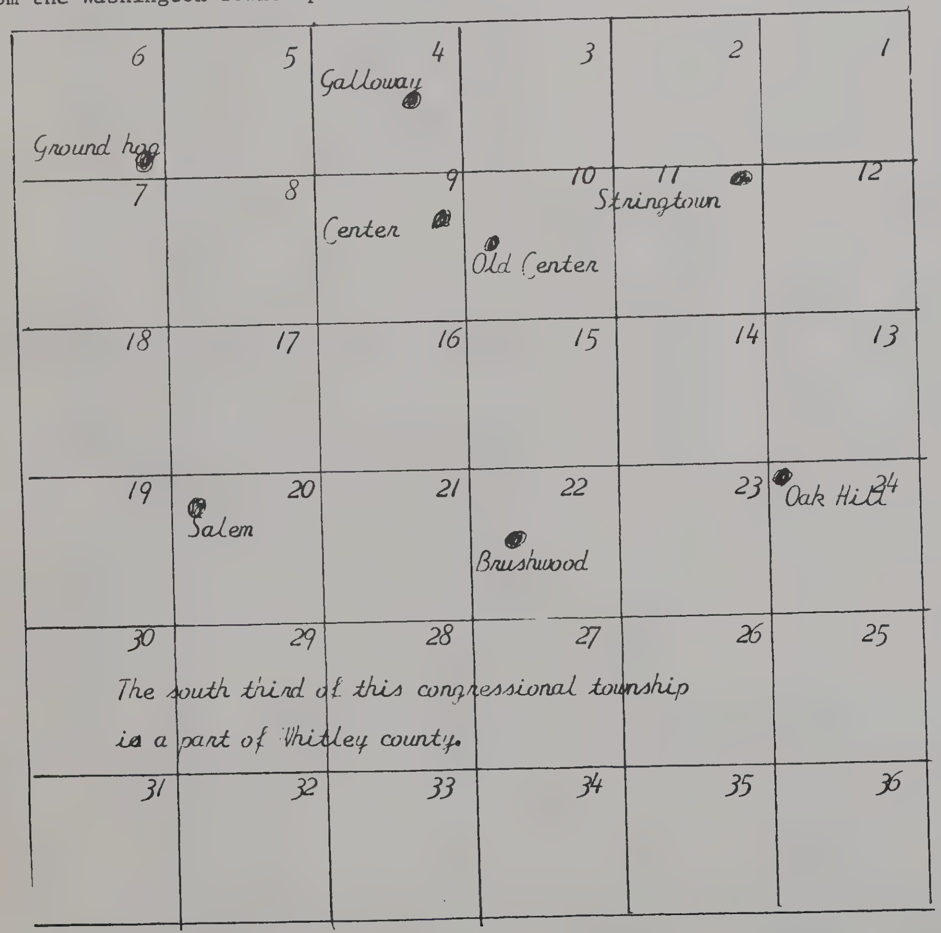
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP - Township 33 North, Range 8 East

In 1979 there are no schools in Washington Twp. They attend the facilities of the West Noble School Corporation south of Ligonier.

Albert Stump, twice candidate for the United States Senate attended Washington Township grade school. Walter Stump, DeKalb County judge did the sa
Cecil Kilgore, Noble County superintendent of Schools was a Washington Township product. Lloyd C. Douglas graduated from Washington Twp. schools. Others from the Washington Township schools distinguished themselves in other fields.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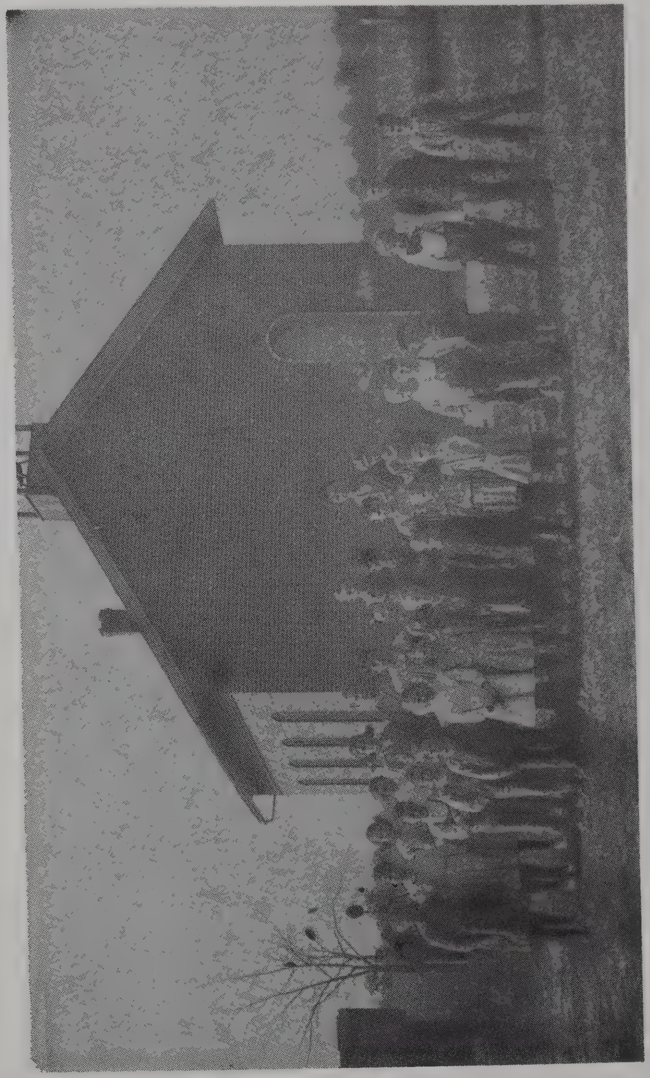

"GREEN TOWNSHIP _ CHARTER OAK SCHOOL"

Section 29, 500 S. - 300 E.

Many of us in the real early years Graduated from a "NO" High School.

NO inside plumbing
NO central Heating plant
NO electric lights
NO telephone
NO gymnasium
NO auditorium
NO library of consequence
NO laboratory of value
NO Hot lunch
NO free transportation
NO free or rental textbooks
NO Washington trips
No Parent teacher organization
No student counselor
No School board
NO alumni association
NO special basket ball coach
NO teacher aids
NO teacher strikes
NO teacher pension plan
NO drug problem
NO sick leave
NO severance pay
NO radio
NO Television
NO intercom
NO teachers' lounge
NO secretaries
NO four-digit salaries, (or larger)
NO carpeted floors.

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FROM THE INDIANA SCHOOL JOURNAL, September 1874

THIN TEACHERS

Teachers ought to be persons full of information. They ought to be persons of broad culture. The teacher who simply knows his text books, is always a thin teacher. He never will inspire his pupils with a desire for anything beyond the book answers.

"The children are not very far advanced in the district where I am going to teach, and I am sure I can teach the school if you will only give me a certificate." "Can't you excuse me from being examined in that branch? There will be no class in it, in the school I have engaged," are statements familiar to examiners.

The teachers who use those words belong to a large class of persons who think that "Anybody can teach children." There never was a more fatal mistake. No person can teach the elements of any subject well who does not have a comprehensive knowledge of that subject. And no other grade of pupils is so difficult to teach well as the primary. Small children do not know how to study, and they learn but little the first years of their school life, except by the assistance of the teacher; when they become older they can learn in spite of the teacher.

reprinted from Albion New Era Sept. 3, 1874.

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Thank you for purchasing this book! We appreciate your interest in the school history of Noble County!. We are already working on Volume II SCHOOLS OF NOBLE COUNTY! If you have photos or information pertinent to this subject and you feel they ought to be preserved and recorded in this manner, Forward them to the Publisher. Photos will be returned to you after they are copied (if they can be reproduced).

We trust you have enjoyed this printed collection, that it refreshed your memories and that any errors it may contain were proof positive that we are human!

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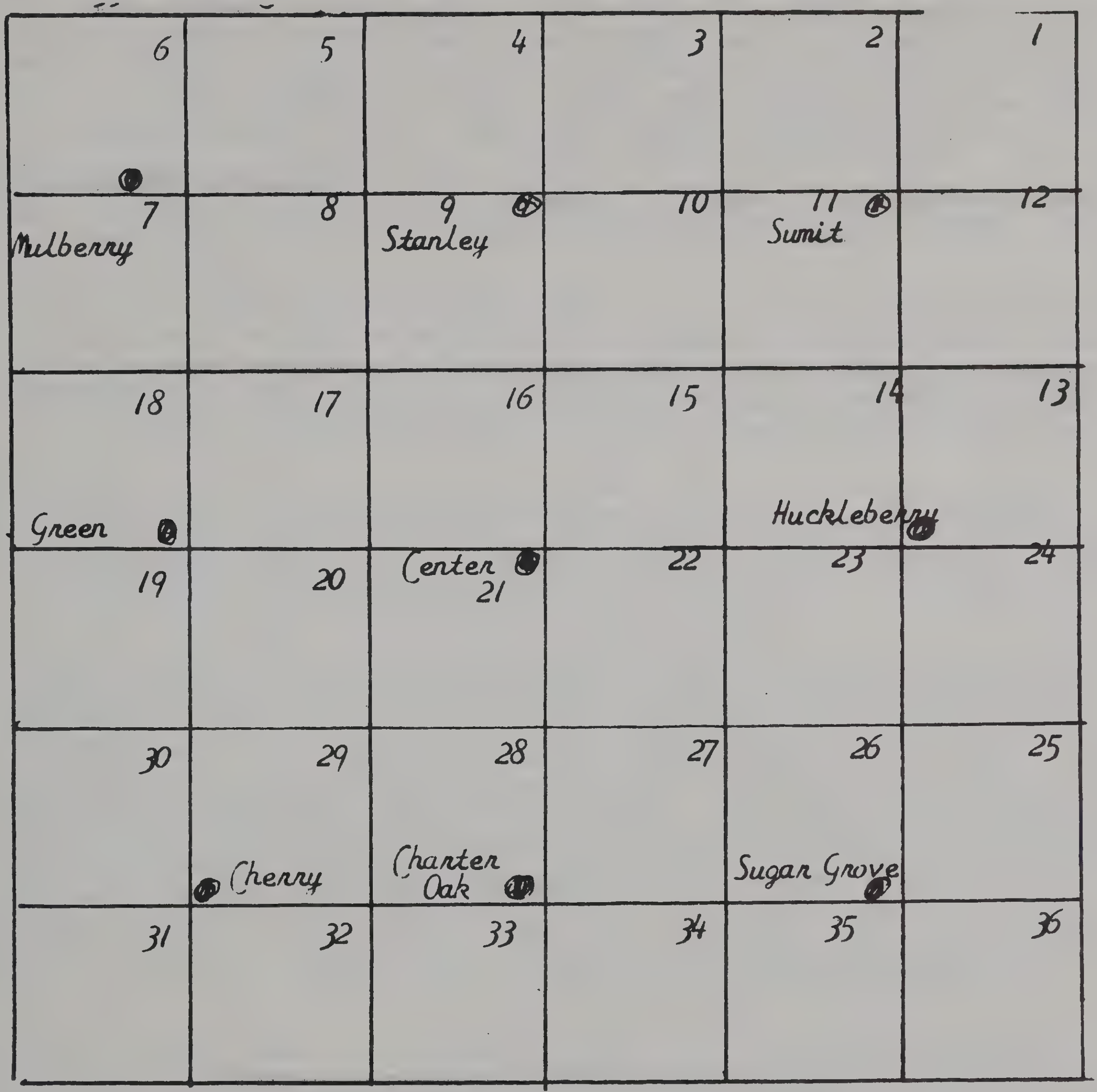
GREEN TOWNSHIP - Township 33 North Range 10 E.

Green Township has a consolidated grade school at Green Center. Green Twp. voted themselves into the Churubusco school system during the consolidation process and are now a part of the Smith-Green School Corporation.-1979.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SOME EARlY KENDALLVILLE SCHOOL FACTS-

Sometime prior to 1840 Kendallville children went to school about a mile and a half northwest to the old log schoolhouse on the Sawyer farm. Soon another house was erected closer to the heart of the city and was known as the Iddings School. About 1847 a log school building was erected west of Main street on the present Drake Road. It was 1858 before a school was built in the city proper.

The school building of 1858 was a three-story frame structure, erected at a cost of about $3,500. During the winter of 1863-64, soldiers encamped in Kendallville ordered the evacuation of the schoolhouse and turned the building into a hospital. Some cases of smallpox were among the men housed there. During the summer of 1864 an attempt was made to burn the building. Later in the year a second attempt succeeded.

School was held in different places about the city until the new brick schoolhouse was built. Kendallville's population when the first schoolhouse was built in 1858 was 300.

The schoolhouse, a three-story frame building, was erected at the intersection of what is now Diamond and Riley streets on land donated by William Mitchell. Two rooms made up the first floor; three rooms on the second floor and a hall on the third. It was tall-the ideal form of building in that day. The school was used as a temporary barracks during the war and burned to the ground in 1864.

Kendallville grew and another school was built three years later at a cost of$40,000. The new building had 10 rooms and one assembly hall on the third floor. The structure was substantially built, with foundation and walls capable of great endurance. But the halls were poorly lighted, the stairs steep and the entrance approaches a source of great annoyance.

Kendallville went on growing. Rooms filled at the schoolhouse. The first graduating class consisted of nine(some say eight). The assembly room was cut up into class rooms and also overflowed. Finally a two-room school was built on the north side of town. It too filled. Then rooms and houses throughout town became school rooms. Then a centrally located high school building was determined upon. This building was large enough only until 1915. That year a beautiful new Highschool went up on Diamond street. The enrollment in the early 1900's was about 800, nearly 100 in the high school. O. A. Lambright was Supt. The high school Principal was E. E. Kling and the sixth grade teacher was Annie Valenti, herself a 1900 graduate. Archie Campbell was president of the Board, Jacob Reyher, Sec. and D. H. Drake, Treasurer. The first YEARBOOK came out in 1913. 26 seniors got diplomas that year. The president was Ronald Jones. Ellen Gurney was editor in chief and Peyton Goodwin was the artist.

In 1914 Warren Otis was editor in chief of the year book. Earl Kern the artist; Fred Baughman, joke editor. In 1967, Kendallville merged with Avilla and Rome City into The East Noble School Corporation in a two and a half million dollar building.

KENDALLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS- 1881-1884 - J. A. Kibbe---1884-1887-E.W.Wright 1887-1890 - P. D. Kreager-----1890-1894--G. P. Fleisher-----1894 - 1910 Mr. Lambright 1910-1921 - P. C. Emmons. Mr. Dixon followed. Loren Burt followed Brumbaugh and resigned in 1960.

KENDallville HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS- J. F. Powers,1884-1887; C. H. Carson, 1887-1890; F. C. Hester, 1890-1894; J. M. Ogden, 1894-1910; F. A. Thomas and E. E. Klins,1910-1921; C. N. Finch, and L. S. Brumbaugh, 1921 - 1944; Royal Tritch, 1944-
according to a Kendallville Paper.

INTRODUCTION AND DEDICATION

VOLUME II

"SCHOOLS OF NOBLE COUNTY"

We dedicate this Vol. II to All school teachers, students and administrators of Noble County Schools of the past years.

By Thurlo Holcomb, teacher, author and collector of these contents.

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This "Volume II SCHOOLS OF NOBLE COUNTY" contains fifty-five pages of facts, items and photographs of buildings, classes, pupils, teachers and those connected with the educational history of this county.

Material has been compiled by Mr. Holcomb and the Publisher from his collection over the years and we are indebted and thankful for contributions from interested persons who loaned pictures from the past to be included in this recording of history.

This is the third book we have published for Mr. Holcomb. The first one one "Ghost Towns of Noble County" went on sale in 1978. The second, "Volume II Schools of Noble County" was completed in June of 1979.

The "sharp" cover design is by Mrs. E. Duane (Nona Kay) Leatherman.

We do not claim perfection for this publication, however, we do believe you will enjoy these contents as they take you on a journey into the past.

Grace E. Leatherman, Publisher

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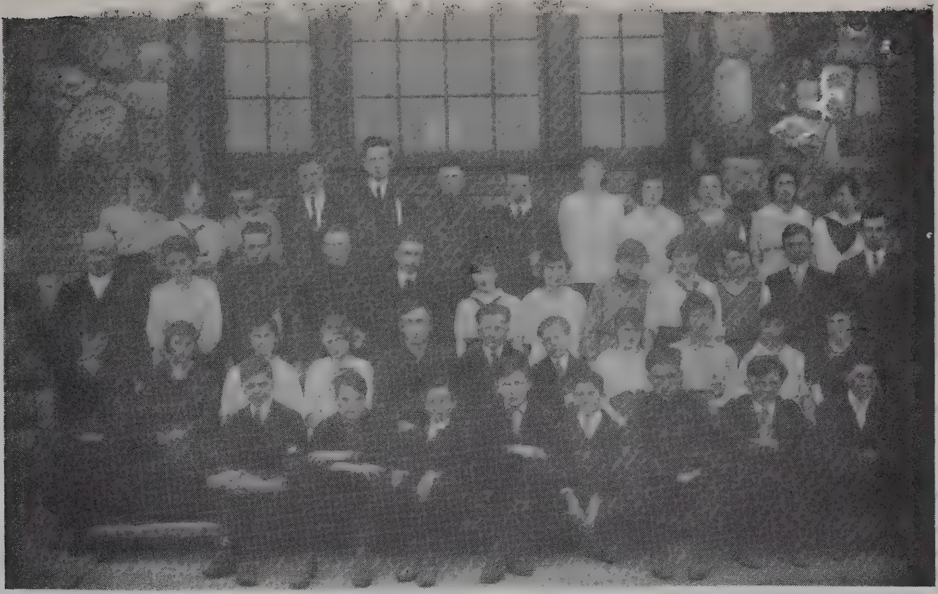

ROME CITY HIGH SCHOOL 1915 - 1916

Front Row - Basil Rhea; Alva Bidwell; Slyvan Shull; Harry Rife; Dale Shull; Ira Couts; Emmert Flint; Ronad Raber. SECOND ROW: Bessie Stangland; Esther Williams; Roma Milnor Ruth Rhea; Ray Stillinger; Harold Moore; Verne Moore; Lois Hosler; Cleone Reidenbach; Ursal Malone; Angelia Butler. THIRD ROW - W. E. Harsh, Principal; Beulah Mawhorter, Teacher. Thad Stewart; Ray Preston; Clinton Rimmell; ____; Amelia Belle Fisher; Magdaline Fisher; Elizabeth Jones; Merrill Boley; John R. Young, Teacher; BACK ROW: Margherite Chapman; Flossie Hivel; Mary Williams; Roy Hills; Harold Myers; Ray Couts; Clifford Hollibaugh; Mary Flint; Gertrude Moore, Erca Flint; Clara Frick; Florence Chapman

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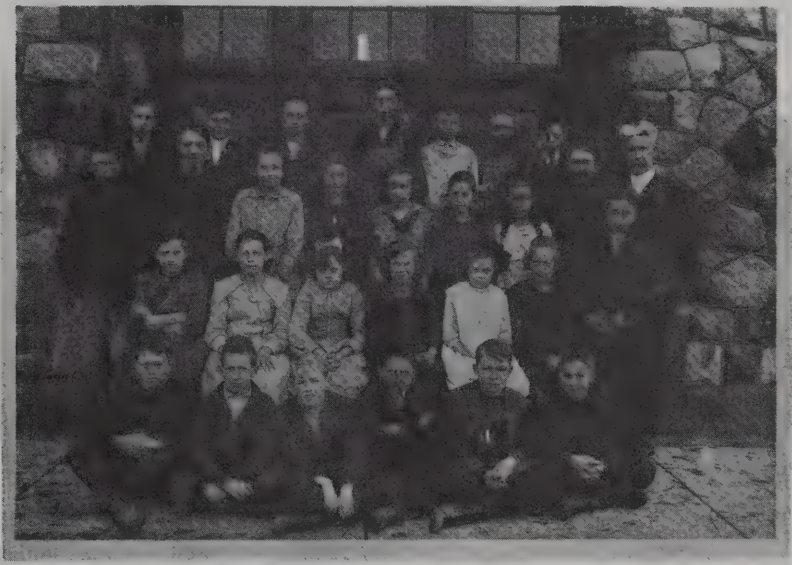


ROME CITY SCHOOL - Fifth and Sixth Grades - 1918

First Row : Seated: Roy Zimmerman; Lester Conley; Victor Myers; Ledger Conley; Hugh Scotten; Glen Lamp. SECOND ROW - Robert Wisel; Lucille Bau hman; Fayma Root; ___: Nellie Jones; Vernie Russell; Lorena Donat; Clarice Nichols. THIRD ROW: Teacher, Isiah Wert; Harry Myers; Helen Frick; Esther Donat; Wava Blanchard; Irene Smith; Flo-rence Harp; Calvin Potts and Reginald Sampsel; FOURTH ROW: Chester Flint; Willis Myers; Gerald Knight Roy Donat, James Noel; Clifford Milnor; Henry Murdock.

Photo Courtesy - Cliff Milnor

FOURTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF NOBLE COUNTY SCHOOLS May 1900

At 10:30 a.m. May 23, 1900 the 64 graduates marched from the superintendents office to the platform on the north side of the courthouse while the Albion band played appropriate music.

Dr. Carver led the singing of America and Rev. C. H. Murry gave the invocation.

Supt. E. L. Adair introduced Prof. H. R. Pattengill, of Lansing, Mich. as the speaker.

During the afternoon program, Melvin Harp of Kendallville received $1.00 for winning the potato race while Roy Williamson received 50 cents for being second. Schuler of Kendallville received $1.00 for winning the sack race and Melvin Harp of Kendallville came in second and received 50 cents. C. H. Seymoure of Wolf Lake won $2.00 for being first in the 100 yard foot race. Valenti of Kendallville came in second and won $1.00. In the six mile bicycle race Dean K. Hoffman of Jefferson Twp. a pupil of Albion schools, won first prize and a gold medal.. Donald Campbell of Kendallville won a silver medal for second place.

The two hose companies of the Albion Fire Dept. gave an exhibition of running and making connections with the hose. Company No. 1 was declared winner, the time being one minute and ten seconds. No. 2 made the best time but owing to the coupling of the hose not being in proper shape, they were unable to make the coupling in their usual rapid time.

One of the sad features of the day's enjoyment was the injury of Earl Johnson of Kendallville, one of the contestants in the bicycle race. As he was nearing the end of the race near Matthew's harness shop (Standard Station, 1980), he fell, alighting on his head and shoulders, breaking his collar bone and receiving other slight injuries. Stangland of Noble Twp. also one of the contestants, was riding behind johnson and ran over Johnson's wheel which threw him and he received injuries on the head, but not serious. Both wheels were badly broken.

ALBION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF 1895

Hattie M. Ashton; Lilla R. Ott; Mabie Moore; Nellie Fosterm; Nellie Bowman; Herbert Martin; and Walter Grubb.

1895 - E. L. Adair is a candidate for County Superintendent of schools and is a very pleasant gentleman.

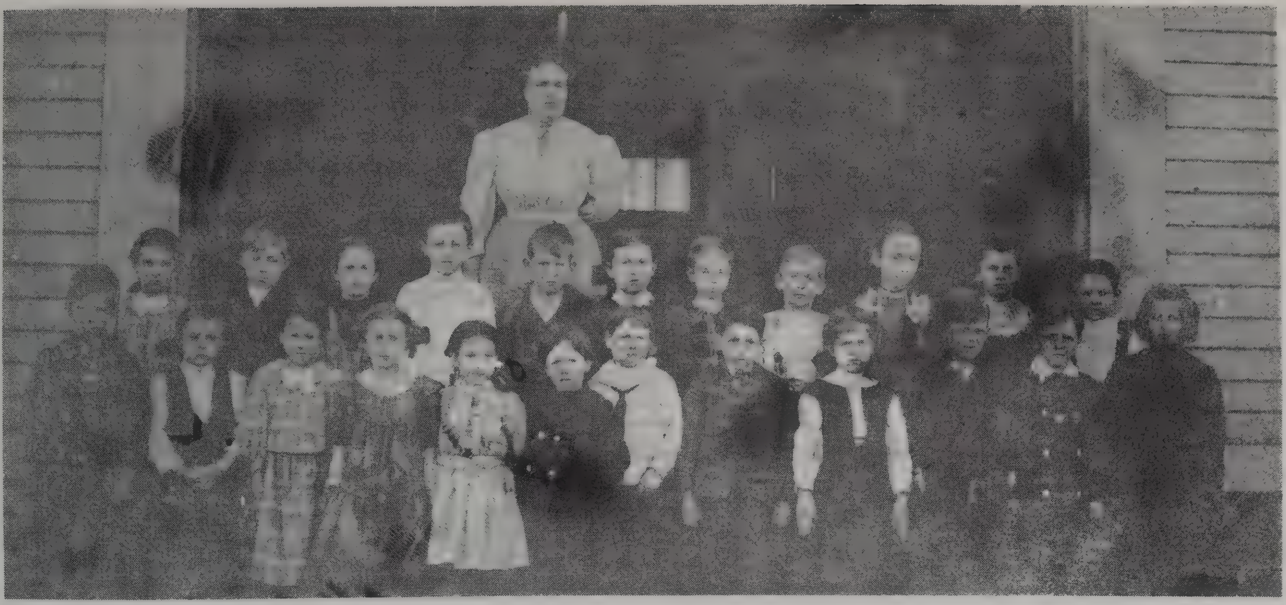
ALBION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF 1894

Maude Frazure; Mabel Young; Irene Reed; Clara Comstock; Cora Moorhouse; Ada Steele and Riley Smith.

1902 WAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Edna Forrey; Ward Kinnison; Walter Hursh; Irvin Ronk and Lyman Piggott.

The county enumeration of 1901 showed a total of 6,514 including the cities -
The Albion Democrat



ROME CITY SCHOOL - First and Second Grades - 1907
SPRING OF 1907 - Taken in front of the "Old" Rome City Schoolhouse at South Edge of Town.
Teacher - Miss Fannie Ihrie

Front Row: L to R: Odonna Zimmerman; Mary Chapman; Fay Tryon; Amelia Belle Fisher; Charlie Moore; Kenneth Moore; Roma Milnor. SECOND ROW: Ronald Raber; Flossie Hevel; Harold Moore; Horace Mahood; Ruby Randall; Mary Flint; Florence Chapman. BACK ROW: Maynard Myers; Belva Miller; Bangs Murdock; Viola Waltman; John Unrue; Helen Holey and Ray Joslin.

PHOTO - Roma Milnor Shideler

1915 - 1916 BRIMFIELD SCHOOL - Grades 5 - 8
Wilbur Milnor - Teacher

TEACHERS IN THE MILNOR FAMILY

George E. Milnor - Born in 1873 in Rome City. He was the first and only graduate of Rome City High School in the class of 1892. That year it was accredited as a three-year high school. He attended Tri-State College in the summer and taught at the Cazier school house that fall. The following year he taught at Center Chapel, then Brimfield and finally at Rome City until 1902 when he resigned to enter the U. S. Mail Service.

W. Wilbur Milnor, son of George and Emma Milnor, graduated from Rome City High School, taught his first year at Oak Grove (Near Cree Lake). His second year was at Brimfield and the next two years at Rome City. He left teaching to enter World War I. After the war he entered the mail service and died at age 38 when serving as a Post Office Inspector in Beaumont, Texas.

Roma Milnor Shideler, daughter of George and Emma Milnor, was graduated from Rome City High School and attended the then Terre Haute Normal (Now Indiana State). Her first teaching job was at Stony Ridge (Or Muskrat School House) in Wayne Township. Each summer was spent in training at Terre Haute or Muncie. Her second school was in Stroh High School; then Brighton High School;then to Lancaster Center High School in Huntington County. After two years there, she returned to teach math and Latin at Rome City school. She received her A. B. degree from Muncie Normal or Ball State in 1924 and her Masters' from the Muniversity of Chicago in 1928. In that year Roma Milnor became the first female superintendent of Noble County Schools. (To date the only woman Supt. 1980) She held that position until 1932 when she ban compiling the County Superintendents' Standardized Tests for Indiana. In 1934 she married Jay A. Shideler of Lancaster Township in Huntington County where she resides today.

Esther Milnor Eberhart, daughter of George and Emma Milnor attended Indiana University where she was graduated in 1925 magna cum laude. She started teaching in Clear Creek, Huntington County and continued to teach in various high schools over the state until retirement. She died unexpectedly in 1927.

J. Clifford (Cliff) Milnor, youngest of the family, has no teaching credits to his name. After graduating from Indiana University he went into journalism and worked forty years for the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette after a one-year hitch at the now-defunct Goshen Daily Democrat. His closest brush with teaching in Noble County came in 1935 when he married a Kendallville High School English Teacher, Catherine Newnam. She still is grading his papers.

Resume courtesy of Cliff Milnor

1914 - 1915 OAK GROVE SCHOOL - Wayne Township, Noble County
Wilbur Milnor - Teacher

BROADWAY Public SCHOOL 1909
District No. 8
Sparta Township, Noble County

Cecil E. Maggert, Teacher
W. A. Beane, County Supt.
C. P. Baker, Trustee

-PUPILS-

Seventh Grade

Walter Schlabach
Izel Whitehead
Etta Galloway
Clarence Wright
Elmer Schlanach
Zona Iden
McKinley Miller
Ervin Whitehead
Otto Miller
Garrie Iden

Eighth Grade

Ercell Wright

Fourth Grade

Beulah Miller
Hobart Stark
Ethel Rodenbaugh
Ted Hoxie
Fred Koher
Eva Galloway
Orton Stark
Dewey Koher
Lucille Galloway
Edith Iden
Ruth Stark

Third Grade

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ra Hart
Adria Rodebaugh
Freeda Whitehead
Jane Leamons

First Grade

nneth Leamons
le Gorsuch
lter Mault
Carlyle Green
Clarence Gorsuch

SECOND GRADE

Albert Mault
Lovina Hoxie
Hugh Miller
Vernon Jamison

Roy Schlabach was the one person graduating from Broadway 1908

HIGHER EDUCATION IN EARLY LIGONIER
Ligonier Leader, May 16, 1973
(By Dave Tranter)

The city of Ligonier in its early days could boast of a school of advanced education. In 1874, Elder J. E. Harris established the Ligonier Normal School and Academy. The reputation of Harris throughout the area warranted the statement that no better opportunity existed for acquiring a more thorough edccation, even those offered by larger and more pretentious institutions. Mr. Harris planned to offer special attention to voice culture and the science of reading. The education of teachers for the public school system was the purpose of this Normal School.

The ad in the Ligonier Banner of Feb., 1874, told the story of this new institution-Libonier Normal School and Academy - The Spring term will commence Mar. 9, 1874, and Close May 29, 1874. The fall term will commence Aug. 24, 1874 and close Nov. 13, 1874. This school offers superior and thorough training embracing Normal methods, Lectures, Theory and practice etc. The course of study will embrace all of the sciences, Ancient Languages, Higher Math, and common branches. Rooms and board can be had for $3.00 per week. Rooms for self boarding are reasonable. Principal will aid in securing rooms and boarding. Tuition in advance - Normal Course $7.00; Languages $8.00; Common Branches (Elementary) $5.00. Our object is to offer you the advantages of as good a school as can be found in the state. The age demands cultural minds. No young gentleman or lady who desires to be useful can neglect self-culture. Our efforts will be to make our school room, a pleasant and happy place and your school term very profitable to you. Tuition will be refunded in case of protracted illness. J. E. HARRIS, A.B.

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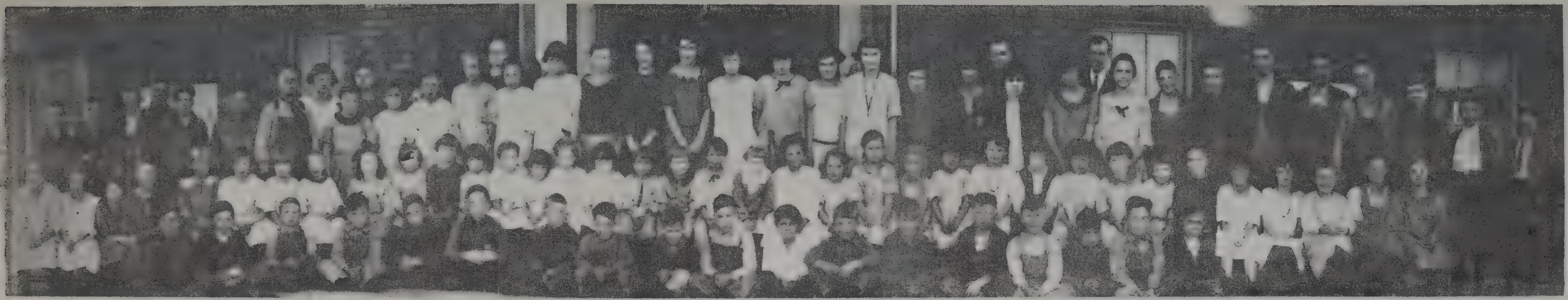


NORTH ELKHART SCHOOL 1921 - 1922

Front Row, L to R. Harlo Greenawalt, Ura Miller; Jo Stutzman; Dennis Lung; Delbert Gard; Robert Gard; Paul Elijah; Arthur Middleton; Bernard Boyd; Logan Ramsby; Charles Gard; Paul Peterson; Kenneth Boyd; Clinton Middleton; Herman Yeager; George Middleton and Lester Cottner. Second Row - L to R - Beulah Eberly; ___; Violet Rice; Mergel Gerver; Edna Peterson; Helen Frick; ____;____; Mildred Ramer; ____; Bernadine Bailey; Ethel Bailey, Lillian Jacobs; Pauline Elijah; Helen Gibson; Dorothy Smith; Velma Emmert; Gola Schick; Vera Emmert; Vera Ramsby; Naomi Eberly; Alta Polston; Meta Jacobs; Viola Jacobs; Helen Yeager; Virginia Altimus; Pauletta Gerver; Josephine Frick; Mary Blanche Frick; Virginia Cripe; Anna Stutzman; Mary Gard; Ida Mae Altimus; Dorothy Frick; Mary Domer; Lucille Yeager. THIRD ROW - L to R Arthur Emmert; Tom Miller; Paul Gibson; Kenneth Schick; Darlo Mehl; Florence Ramer; Helen Crago; Lucille Crago; Edith Yoder; Evelyn Emmert; Beatrice Boyd; Ruby Stienbarger; Lucille Rice; Eleanor Macklin; Marjorie Altimus; Lucille Boyd; Ruby Smith; Hazel Rathke; Polly Greenawalt; ____; Mildred Middleton; Grace Gonser; Leona Greenawalt; Sam Eberly; Amos Stutzman; Ellis Lung; George Domer; Howard Emmert; Lawrence Ramer; Wallace Swank; Smith, Kenneth. BACK ROW - L to R- Harley Middleton; (Audrey Stauff; Virginia Jourdan; Evangeline Franks; TEACHERS) Fremont Waldron, Janitor; Principal John Emmert.

Photo Courtesy - Sam Eberly-

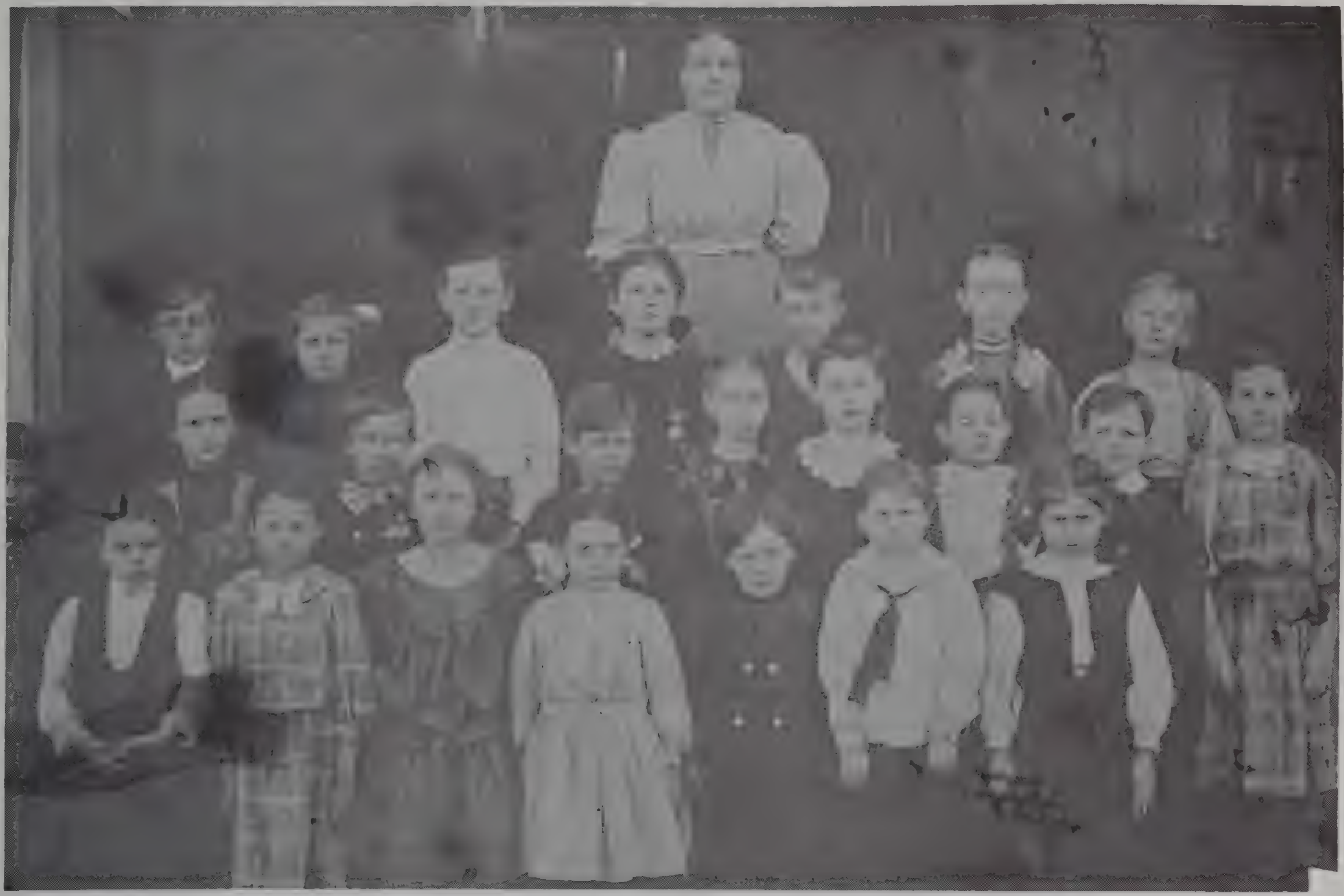
NORTH ELKHART Class 1925 and 26

Back Row - Audrey Stauff Teacher - John Ramer, Loyal Frick; Ralph Dukes; Willis Middleton; Arthur Middleton; Jo Stutzman; FRONT ROW - Melease Rice; Wilodean Conrad; Pauline Elijah; Lillian Gard; Maxine Rice; ____; Margaret Domer; Roy Rice; George Swank.

Mr. Harris was compelled to leave the Normal School before it even opened, due to the severe illness of his wife. However, he secured Mr. C. L. Hosseman, a graduate of the large Michigan school at Ann Arbor (the present University of Michigan) to take his place.

Mr. Houseman made many changes for the better and the Normal School opened on schedule.

Almost all the large teachers' colleges and universities of today started out as Normal Schools. Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo started out many years ago as Western State Normal School. Today it boasts an enrollment of over 20,000 students. The writer, with tongue in cheek, thinks of what might have been, the sprawling campus of Ligonier University. Such is fate! By Dave Tranter.



ROME CITY SCHOOl - SPRING OF1907
FIRST AND SECOND GRADES-
Miss Fannie Ihrie, Teacher

Front Row = L to R - Odonna Zimmerman; Mary Chapman; Fay Tryon; Amelia Belle Fisher; Charlie Moore; Kenneth Moore; Roma Milnor. Second Row; Ronald Raber; Flossie Hevel; Harold Moore; Horace Mahood; Ruby Randall; Mary Flint; Florence Chapman. BACK ROW: Maynard Myers; Belva Miller; Bangs Murdock; Viola Waltman; John Unrue; Helen Holey; Ray Joslin.

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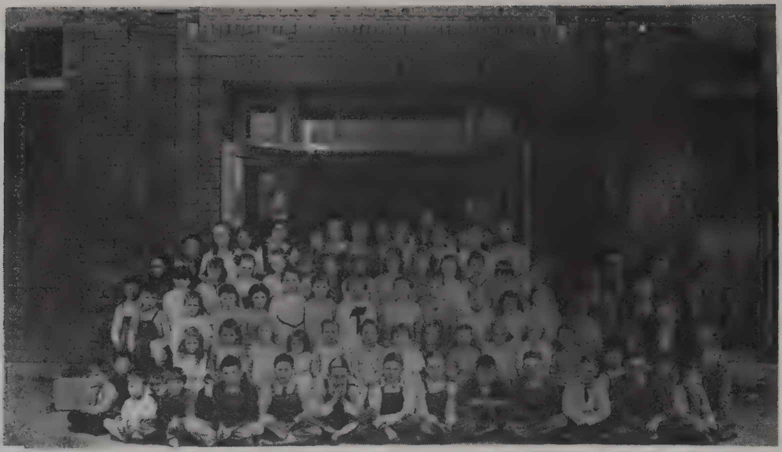
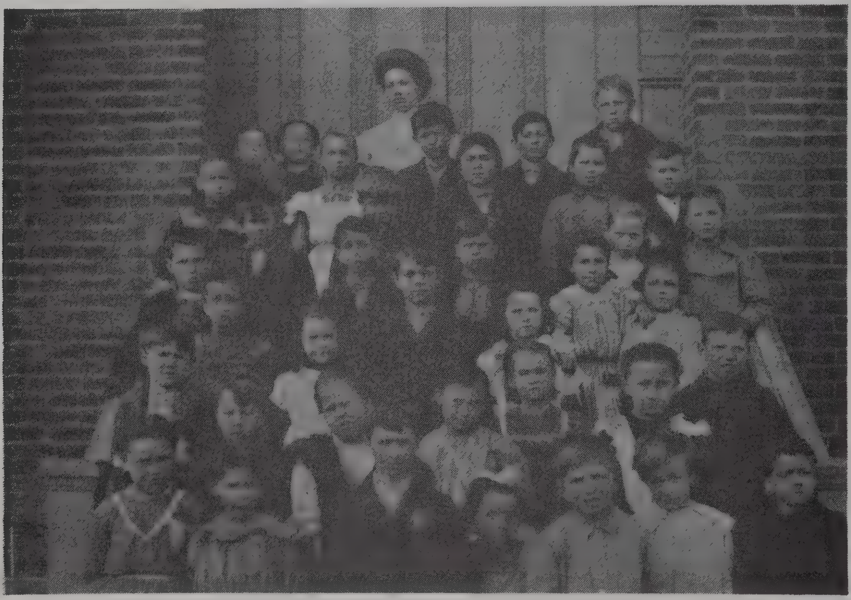
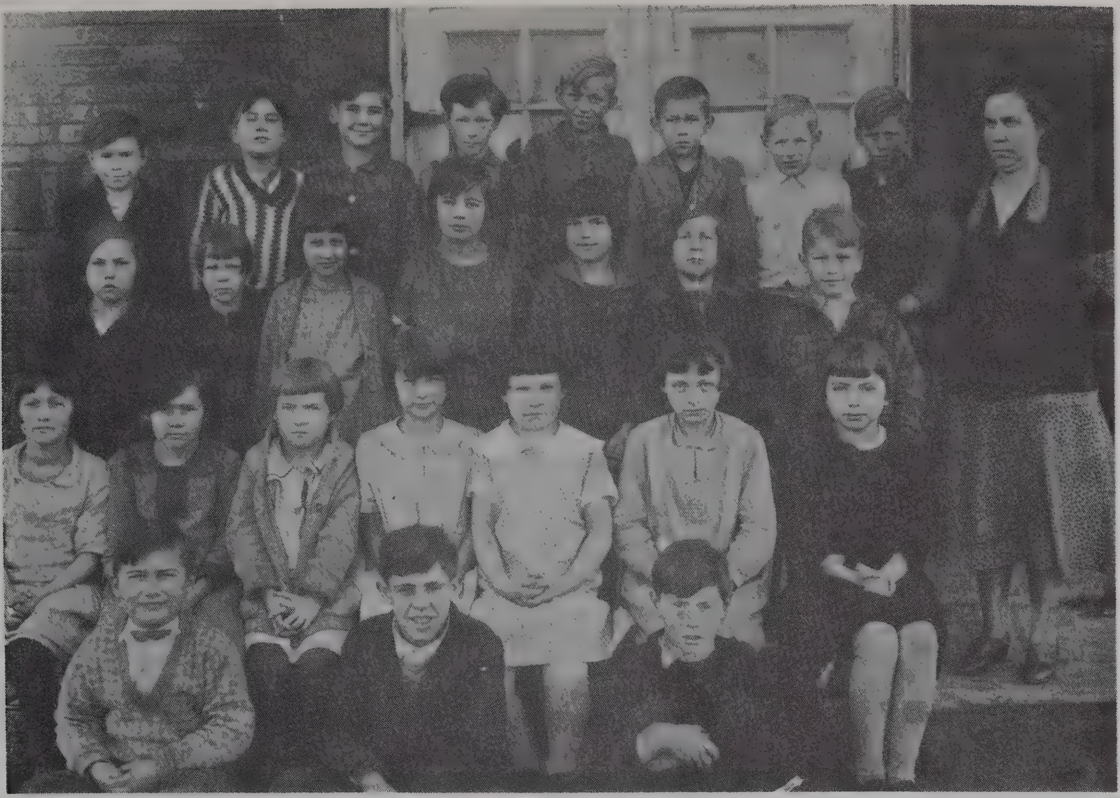


NORTH ELKHART SCHOOL - 1920 - 1921

FRONT ROW - L to R - Thurlow Eagleson; Bernard Boyd; Earl Hart; Ellis Lung; Herman Domer; Geroge Domer; Claude Smith; Cyrus Frick; John Smith; Everett Rathke; Forest Lower____; SECOND ROW - L to R - Ivan Rice____; Pauline Reidenbach; Evelyn Emmert; Dorothy Stauffer; Violet Rice; Mary Domer; Helen Frick; Mary Gard; Helen Hefner; Meta Jacob; Edna Peterson; Dorothy Hefner; George Stienbarger; Kenny Smith; Herman Yeager; THIRD ROW _ L to R- Wallace Swank; Dorothy Frick; Florence Ramer; Helen Crago; Orpha Marshall; Lucille Crago; Beatruce Boyd; Lucille Dukes; Marguerite Lauer; Leota Gibson; Ida Mae Altemus; Lucille Yeager; Wilbur Dikes; Lester Holcomb; Maxwell Miller; Darlo Mehl; FOURTH ROW: Kenny Schick; Louise Daugherty; Marj Altimus; Ruby Smith;Bea Farney; Grace Gonser; Lucille Rice; ___ Nishley; Bernice Farney; Icey Lindsey; Hazel Rathke; Thelma Altimus; Lucille Boyd; Ruby Stienbarger; Lawrence Ramer; Tom Miller; Art Emmert. BACK ROW - Herb Yonts; Varen Schick; Carole Cobbs; Lela Brill; Enid Lower; Marceda Boyd; Bertha Smith; Bertha Stienbarger; Jenny Gallup; Edith Bloom; ____: Ralph Hart; ___McGee; Roy Emmert; ____;
Back Row - Partial List of Teachers- Harold Sorgenfrei; Evangeline Franks; Audrey Stuff; Modelle Schwab; and Ira Gallup, Janitor.



BRIMFIELD SCHOOL _ 1907-1908
four grades
Anna Bruce Coil - Teacher



WOLF LAKE SCHOOL - 1927
Third and Fourth Grades
Left to right First Row - John Luckey ; _______; John Coverstone;
Second row - ___________; Evelyn Gawthrope; Erma Jean Johnston; Ruth Keister; Frances Hively; Juanita Waters; Carl Knafel; Third Row: Ella Erdly; Marie Biddle; Mary Jane Ebey; Barbara Surfus; Maxine Gaff; Ruth Skeels; Alice Surfus.
BACK ROW: Max Gray; Leon Poyser; ____; Ross Walker; ____; James Taylor; Roger Stuckman; Vera Galloway, Teacher.
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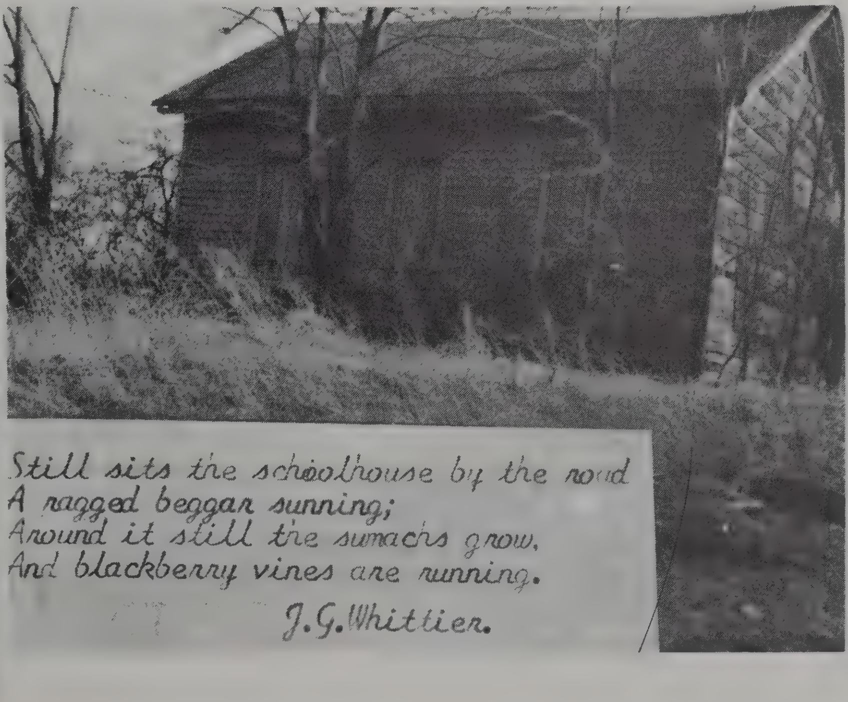

Still sits the schoolhouse by the road
A ragged beggar sunning;
Around it still the sumachs grow,
And blackberry vines are running.
J.G.Whittier.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL-1979
Orange Twp - 850 N.175E Sec. 20
Probably oldest one-room
school bldg. still sta_ding

The following is taken from "OUR TEACHER"
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Enrollment
of Students in attendance at the Albion Normal of 1885.

Albion
Addie McKee; John Earle; Sarah Swett; Lizzie Miller; Jessie Acus; George R. Brown; Loomis Foote; Grace Lash; Minnie Foster; Sinai Weaver; Martha Bidwell; Martin Beck; Harry M. Williams; Edith Riddle; Ina Edwards; Ada Freeman; Kate Easley; Della Ulmer; Ella Easley; - - - Jennie Sedgwick - Teacher at Albion -

AVILLA
William Veasey; Leander Rupert; Minnie M. Bonham - teacher at LaOtto.

BRIMFIELD
Nettie Rumbaugh; Lizzie Shannon; W. H. McEwen

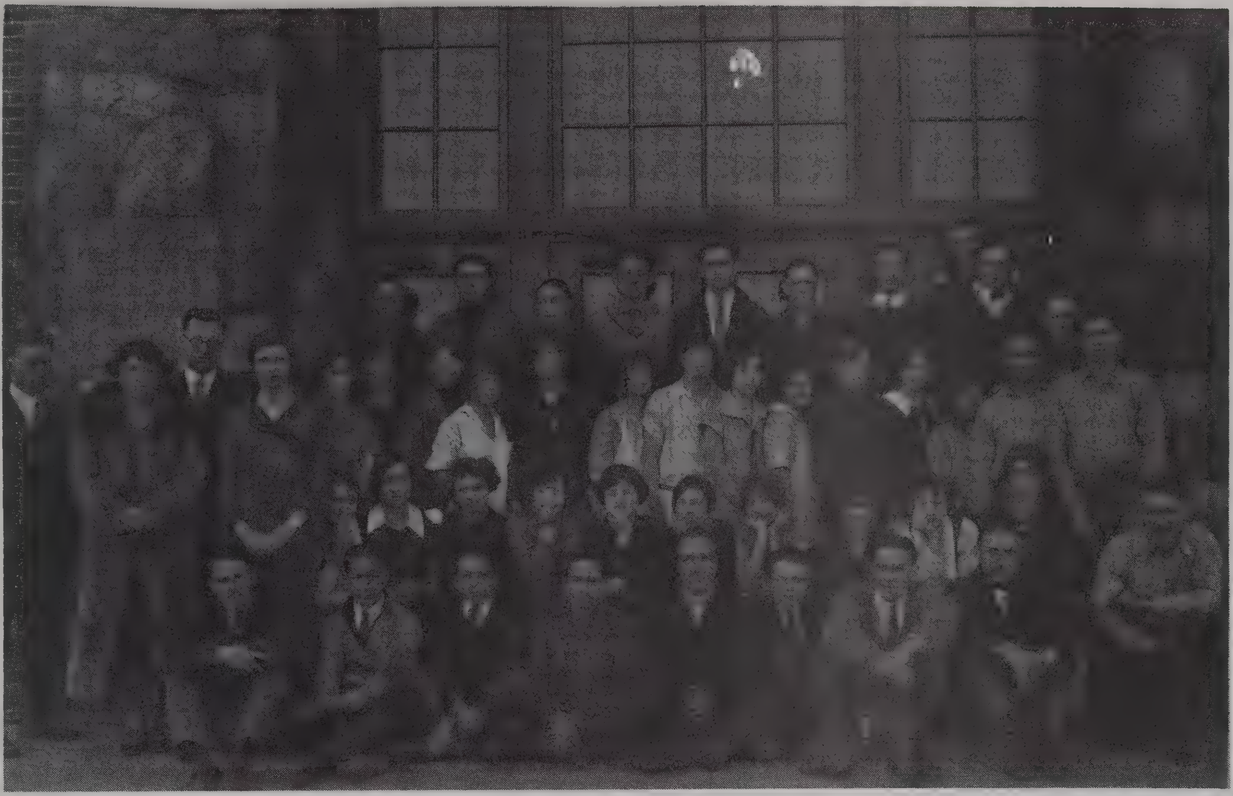
CHURUBusco - Walter Swihart -

CROMWELL
Ella Noe; Alice Eagles; Warren Eagles; Maggie Wiley; Girard; Ella Wilkinson
-- teach in Swan Twp. Indian Village - Augustus Snyder

KENDALLVILLE
Norman Acton; Minnie Rumbaugh; Jennie Rumbaugh; Katie Mahnesmith; W. L. Martin; Hattie Houser; Edith Hill; Lottoe Iddings; F. E. Fields --- Teach at Kendallville; Wilbur Haller -- Teach in Elkhart Township - Maude Miller - Teach in Kendallville
LAOTTO - Louis Simon

LIGONIER
Emma L. Smith; Allie Blackman; James Stage; Rena Lane; Emma Fenton; Jennie Rarick Clara Blackman; Della Swank; Marion Rarick.
Ella M. Smith -- Teach in Wawaka; Alice Bare -- Teach in Sparta Twp.
H. S. Coopers--Teach in Hawpatch; Electa Cass - Teach in Perry Twp.
Mendon Mich. - W. M. Lash
MERRIAm - Nellie Rivir - Charles W. Kitt
RIPLEY- - May Halferty
PORTLAND, In. P. D. Creager, B. S. Superintendent Albion Schools.
ROME CITY - Fannie Watkins, Mantie Moore; Dollie Bufink
Mary Hague -- Teach in Green Twp - Melissa Waldron - Teach in Orange Twp.
SWAN - Flora Yarian - Teach in Swan
VIOLA - Frank Engle - Frank Hanlon -- Teach in Green Twp.
WAWAKA - Nettie Probst; George Swank; Allie Williams; Florence Franks; Lena Buta; W. A. Fox; J. M. Neufer; Eva Eby; Geneva Knepper; Mr. Hathaway; Gertie Gerver.
Katie Schwab - Teach in Elkhart Twp.; John Gill--Teach in Elkhart twp.
Maggie McConnell - Teach in Elkhart Twp.
WILMOT --Nettie Myers
WOLF LAKE - W. O. Allen; R. J. Seymoure; Lillie Kilgore; Anna Earll; Alice E. Earll
Nellie Buckles; Lidae Jones.
LAGRANGE - Della Hines

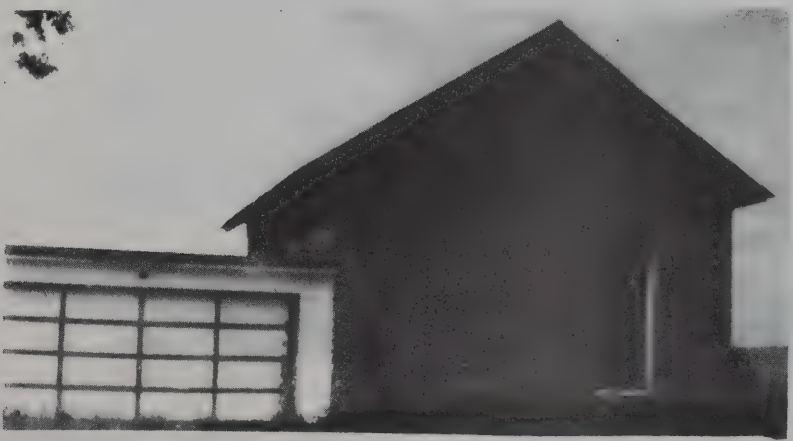
E. C. White, Supt. at Albion, resigned to accept a position at Callao, Peru.
P. D. Creager has been elected as Supt. of Albion at $85 per month. Maggie Easly will be Principal at Avilla. Wat. P. Denny refused the principalship at Albion.
Supt. Van Gorder revoked Mr. Biewend's last Wed. on account of immorality.
Institute next week.



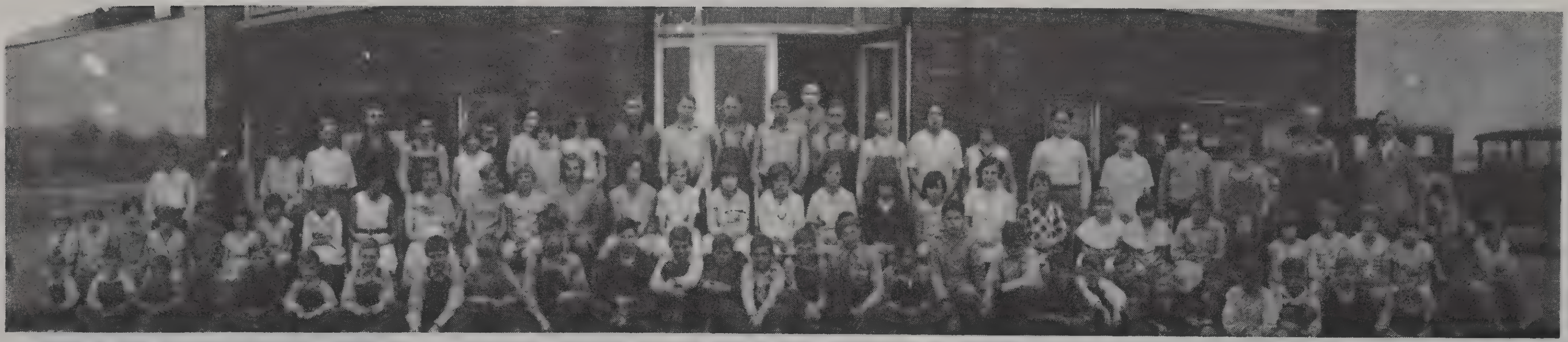
ROME CITY HIGH SCHOOL   1925 - 1926

Faculty at left F. J. McCormick; Principal, Ruth Horne; Buryl Hoover and Ruth Ober.
Pupils - First Row - Francis McCarty; Wilbur Faulkner; Donald Zimmerman; Waldo Young; Calvin Rymel; Ralph Buchanon; Merle Ramer; Edward (Frank)Adams; Bruce Needham;
Second Row: Vernie Russell (Hands on chin) Ann Laura Kesler; Mary Dowd; Eleanor Brayton; Gwendolyn Wolf; Ruth Whetzel:-----;----;Mildred Moore; Clarice Nichols; THIRD ROW: Maxine Morley; Marguerite Tipton; Iva Grossman:---; Dorothy Flint; Dorothea Blanchard; Evelyn Stiffner; ----; Newell Franks; Paul Schermerhorn; Richard Rowe;
FOURTH ROW: Norbert Donat; Verne Pray; Clarence Seagraves; Herbert Tipton; Clifford Milnor; Paul Moore; Victor Myers; Orla Johnson; and Glenn Lamp.

Photo Courtesy - Cliff Milnor



Wayne Center - Wayne Township Sec. 15



NORTH ELKHART SCHOOL October 24, 1930

Front Row - L to R - ______; Clifford Moore; Richard Sparrow; _____ Robert Jacobs_____; Junior Miller; Wlmer Ramer; Robert Elijah; Claude Mullet; ____; Robert Gage_____; Paul Compton; Albert Jacob; _____McClellan; Waldo Miller; Paul Emmert; James Gage; Freeman Sparrow; Marvin Phares; _____; ___Rice; Clyde Elijah; Jack Resler; Ted Stienbarger; Franklin Ross; Maurice Miner; Newell Cripe. SECOND ROW - L to R - Maxine Conrad; Jean Boyd; _____; Margaret Rice; _____Betty Bish; ____Hunter; ____; Margaret Domer; Alta Polston; Vera Ramsby; Wiladean Conrad; Gola Schick; Helen Compton; Viola Jacobs; Helen Fought; Flossie Bean; ___Mishler; Verba Ramsey; LaVancha Hunter; _____; Helen Stienbarger; ____; ___Bean; ___; ___; ___Rice; ___; Margaret Hart; Harriet Domer; ____; Mary Hunter; THIRD ROW - L To Right- George Swank; John Ramer; Jess Compton; Lawrence Hodge; ____; Wilbur Dukes; Kenneth Treesh; Maxine Rice; Maxine Ross; Pauline Elijah; Paul Peterson; George Stoffer; Kenneth Boyd; Paul Elijah; Logan Ramsby; Raymond Hodge; Ruby Mishler; Erma Moore; Loyal Frick; Melease Rice; Robert Waldron; Wilson Treesh? Elmer Thompson, Janitor; T. C. Holcomb Principal - Back ROW - Teachers - Audrey Stauff, Evangeline Franks and John Todd.

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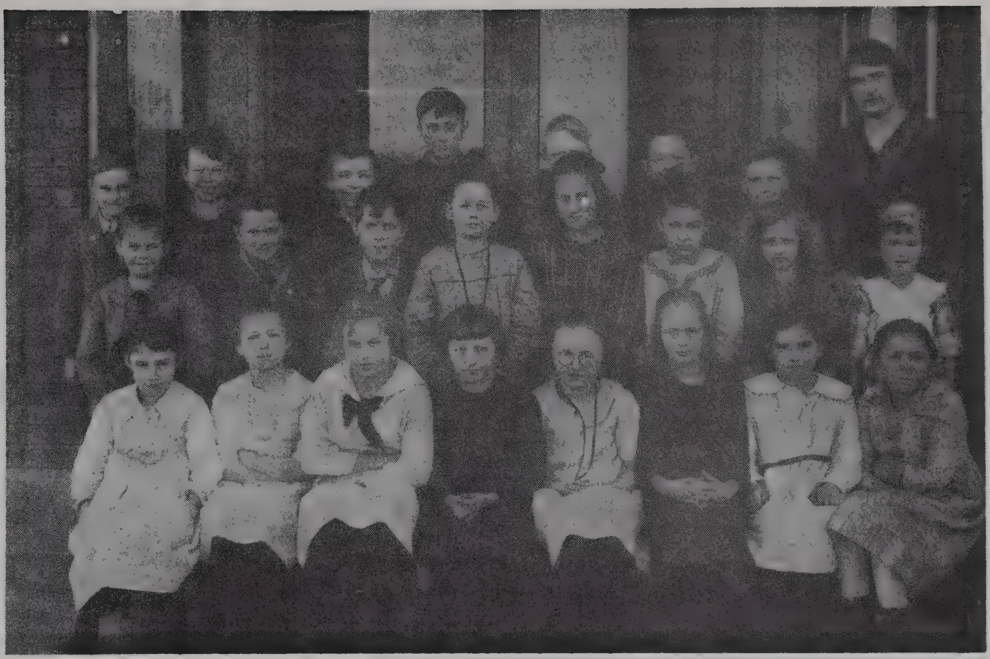
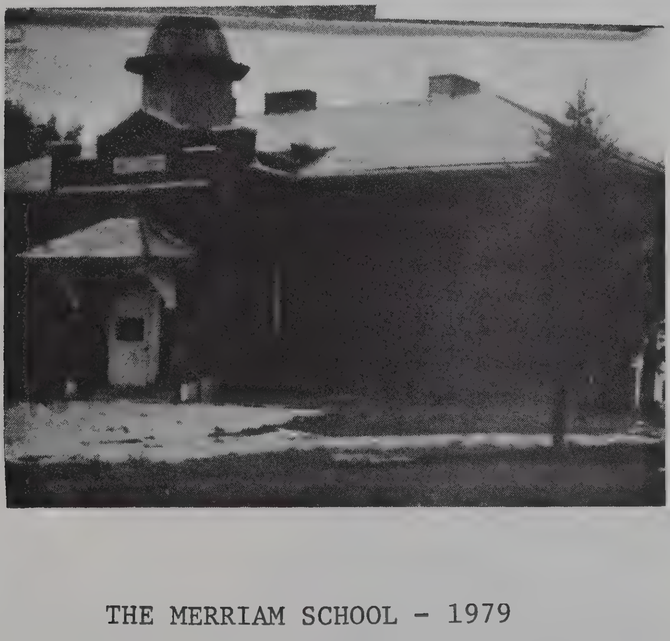


NORTH ELKHART CLASS____ YEAR?-
Front Row - L to R - Lucille Rice; Orpha Marshall; Hazel Rathke; Marjorie Altimus; Polly Greenawalt; Lucille Boyd; Edith Yoder; Leona Greenawalt. Back Row - Darlo Mehl; Ralph Hart; Ruby Stienbarger; Lucille Crago;))))Yoder; Clara Nishley; Howard Emmert; Lawrence Ramer; Herman D omer and Teacher Audrey Stauff -



THE MERRIAM SCHOOL - 1979

LIGONIER High SCHOOL GRADUATES, 1902

Laura Beatrice Simons, Mamie Catherine Groves, John William Pearce, May Belle Graham, Edith Cornelius, Ralph Wilfred Billman, Jennie Bouse, Beulah Estelle Bothwell, Harley Glen Head, Martha Elizabeth Thompson.

W. C. Palmer,Superintendent; W. A. Hogue, Principal and H. V. Craig, Asst. Prin.

SCHOOL BOarD: W. H. Franks, Pres.; Abe Goldsmith, Treas.; and A. J. Caldwell, Secy.

KENDALLVILLE ROOMS 6 and 7 ENTERTAIN - 1890

Address..................................	Mrs. Iddings
"The Old Time and the New"	Willie Lester
"The Sleeping Sentinel"	Bertha Sheffer
"The Scholmaster's Guests"	Ethel Roberts
Song - by the Pupils	
"The Polish Boy"	Junia Wolf
"The Power of Habit:	Guy Cushing
Song - by the Pupils	
"Farmer Stebbins on Rollers"	Agnes Guyor
"The Editor's Fate"	Helen Reed
"The Riddle"	Earl Hartsuck
"How Girls Study"	Leona Browand
Song - By Pupils	
"My Mother"	Maurice Shulze
"The Teacher's Dream"	Eva Gilbert
"Home Sweet Home"	Lonnie Roberts
Good Night Sone	By School

Teachers - Miss Minnie Pepple and Mrs. Lottie Iddings -

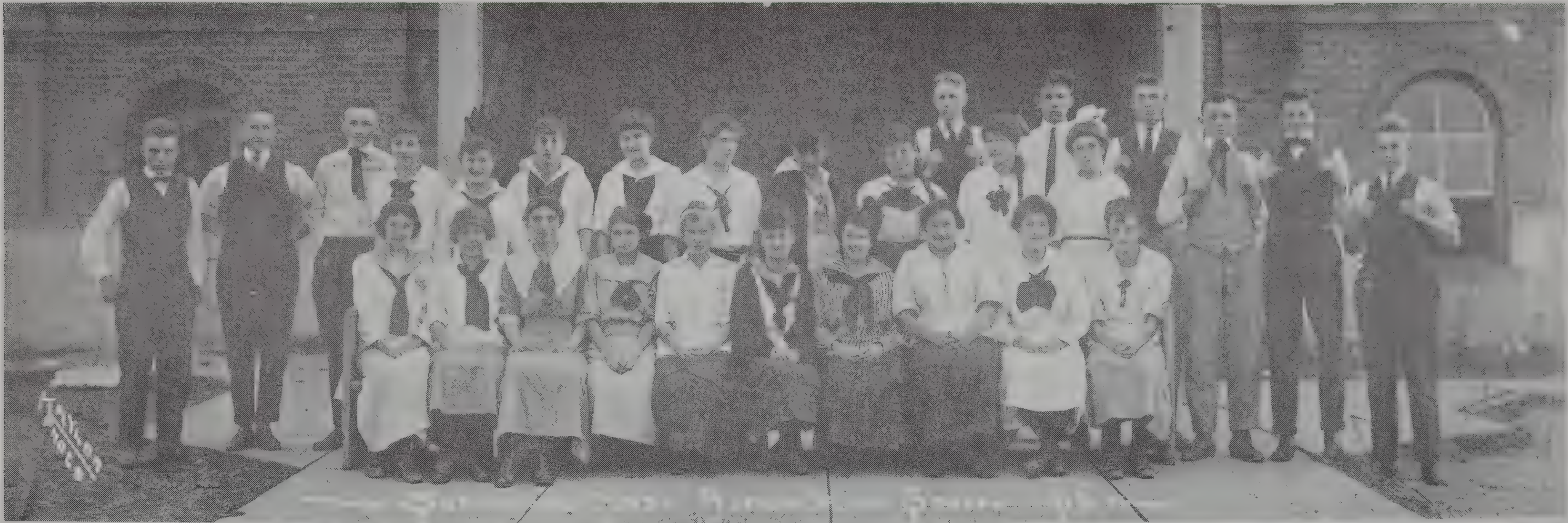
KENDALLville School Enrollment - 1890

	Boys	Girls
High School	19	27
8th Room	15	26
7th room	24	33
6th room	21	12
5th room	20	20
4th room	30	23
3d room	30	21
2nd room	25	28
First Grade Room A	20	16
First Grade Room B	20	16
Totals	224	222

KENDAllville-1890

At a Board meeting of the school trustees this morning, Geo. P. Fleisher of Lima, formerly Principal of our City Schools, was chosen to succeed P. O. Creager resigned in the superintendency.

Prof. Fleisher has been Principal of the High School over a year and is well informed concerning the condition and requirements of the school.



ALBION HIGH SCHOOL - SOPHMORE CLASS 1915

LEFT TO RIGHT: Back Row: Glen Heltzel; Bonford Talbert; Harold Holderman; Beatrice Lindsey Barcus; Heleen Franks; Pansy Palmer Curtis; Vita Earll; Dolores Hardenbrook; Josie Hompsher; Faye Hoffman; Arnold Black; Ruby McLallin; Aubrey Stanley; Inez Hastings; Carl Breeden; Justin Morr; Glade Rallihan; Harry Evans;
FRONT ROW: Viva Seaburg; Lavon Fulk; Fannie Easterday; Hazel Seaburg; Velma Guthrie Evelyn Smith; Athena Noteman; Anmelia Busz; Grace Matthews; Cora Feightner.

AVILLA HIGH SCHOOL

The First Class of Avilla High School in 1888, a two year course had four graduates; Maude Hooper(Sutton); Birdie Ramston (Dolan); Lola Ramston (Hersh); and Frank W. Hersh.

The class of 1889 had 5 graduates - There were no graduates in 1890 and in 1891 they had one graduate. No Graduates in 1892. The first four year class graduated in 1908. The last class graduated in 1966 and had fifty-six members.

SCHOOL HOUSE SANITATION - 1909

by the State Board of Health

Small drinking cups and free flowing faucets for drinking water instead of large tincups and water buckets.
All desk tops and banisters must be washed with soap and water and treated with an antiseptic. Slates are condemned because the children clean them with saliva. The practice of collecting pencils and pens in condemned because the children chew the ends. There will be no overcrowding of school rooms.

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in 1836, when Noble County was organized, Nelson Prentiss was appointed one of the school examiners of the county and held either this or the position of County superintendent until 1868 when he resigned. In 1879 he was again chosen County Superintendent and filled the office to the satisfaction of all.

the Noble County Democrat, Jan. 4,1894

1902 - Wawaka High School Graduates - Edna Forrey; Ward Kinnison; Walter Hursh; Irvin Ronk and Lyman Piggott.

The County enumeration of 1901 showed a total of 6, 514 including the cities.

The Albion Democrat

PIE SUPPER - January 25, 1908

There will be a pie supper at the Mulberry school house in Green Twp., Sat. night, January 25. There will be entertainment and a guessing contest will be one of the features. All are invited to be present.

Carrie Tru mbo, teacher.

BRIMFIELD - 1890

Our schools closed last Friday. Mr. G Broughton has fully proven to be the right man in the right place and it is hoped by our people that he may be reinstated for another year. Miss May Griffin who taught the intermediate and primary departments is also a very efficient instructor and our people would, no doubt also like to see her retained.

The school grounds are being graded, trees are being set out, and the yard otherwise improved. It is a long needed improvement.

"Common Schools: The Hope of Our Country."

TEACHER'S LICENSE.

State of Indiana, **County of Noble.**

H. E. Secor having presented satisfactory evidence of good moral character, and having been duly examined, is found to possess a knowledge which is sufficient to enable him successfully to Teach in the common schools of the State, Orthography, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar, Physiology, and U. S. History and the Science of School, is hereby licensed to teach in the public schools of this County, for the term of 6 months from this date.

SIX MONTHS

G·R·A·D·E.

1. Orthography,	96
2 Reading,	80
3. Writing,	65
4. Arithmetic,	68
5. Geography,	73
6 Grammar,	80
7. Physiology,	90
8. U. S. History,	80
9. Theory,	60
10. ~~Success,~~ Literary Review	85
General Average,	78

Atended the Normal
school at Albion
one term, – 1887

Professional Interest,
Neatness of Manuscript,
Attended last Co. Inst. no days
Has Taught none months
Takes no Educational Journal,

(The items in this column do not enter into the general average, but indicate the standing and interest of the applicant in his profession.)

EXPLANATIONS.

1. For those who have never taught, or whose success is unknown to the Sup't, in making the general average, the item success should be omitted.
2. A General Average of 70 per cent. not falling below 60 per cent. in any of the first 9 items, entitles the applicant to a 6 months license. "A."
" " 80 " " " 65 " " " " 10 " " " " 12 " " "B."
" " 90 " " " 75 " " " " 10 " " " " 24 " " "C."
" " 95 " " " 80 " " " " 8 " " " " 36 " " "D."
3. No Certificate is granted for a longer period than 12 months to an applicant who has never taught.
4. The above standard of License for the Second Grades was recommended by the State Board of Education and adopted by the State Convention of County Superintendents held at Indianapolis June 26 and 27, 1883.

Jan. 28 188.8. W B VanGorder County Sup't.

WAWAKA - 1891

Our town school will soon be reduced, leaving three rooms. Mr. Black, the teacher who retires, has been a faithful teacher and the large number of pupils who have been under his teaching, show a large per cent of advancement in their studies. The three rooms will continue two months longer.

SPRINGFIELD 1884

How the school marms come out in their new hats. O don't we wish we were a school Marm!

ROME CITy 1884

Prof. Denny was on our streets Friday last, looking well and enjoying life. He says the schools of Noble County are in prosperous conditions.

Mr. King, the singing teacher, has attended the assembly for several years. Go hear him. He is one of the finest tenors in the State.

THE KENDALLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 1884

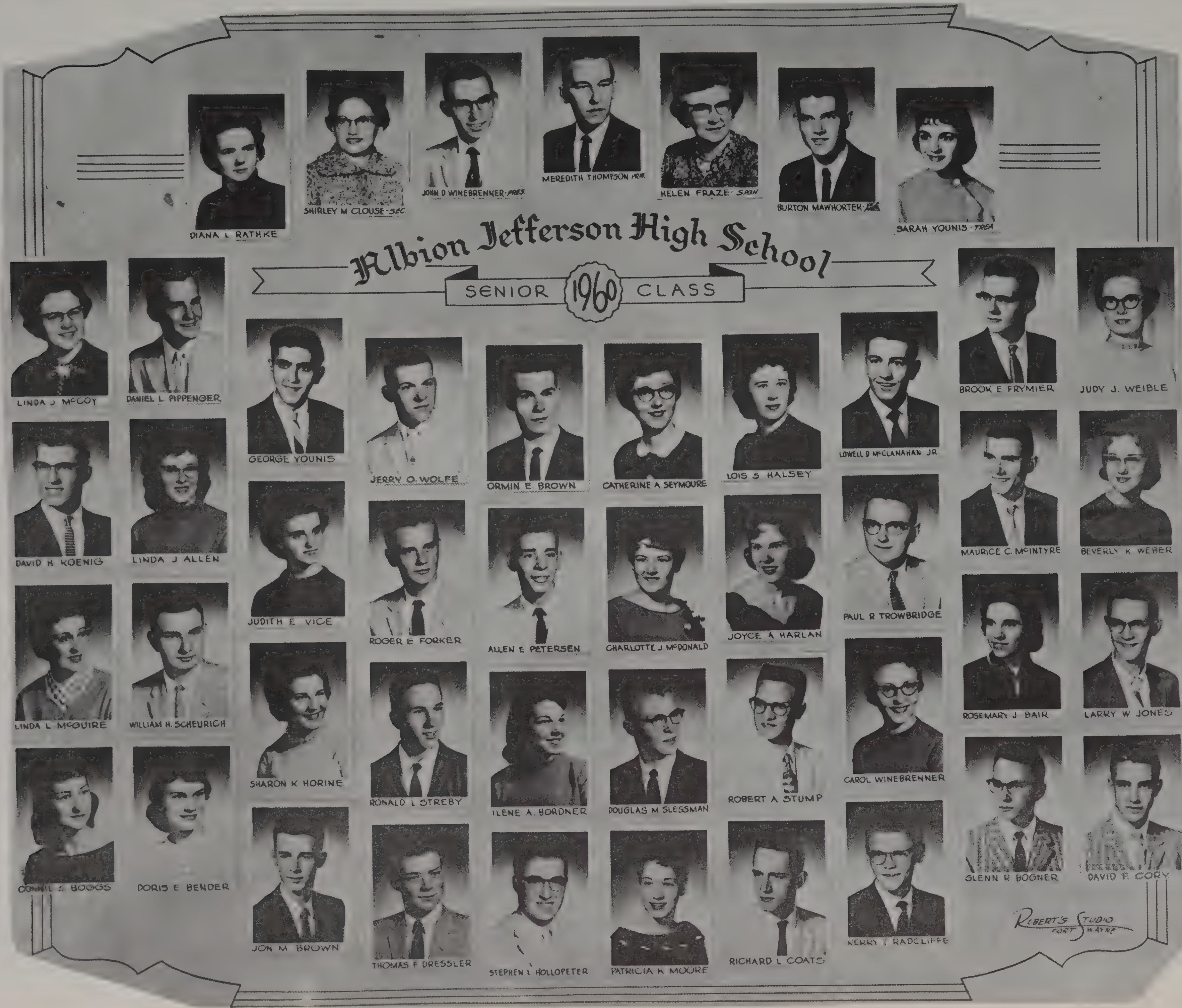
Members included: Miss Celia Hall; Miss Minnie Pepple; Miss Clara Goodman; Miss Edith Hill; Miss Eva Daniels; Miss Sarah Haward; Miss Maude Miller; Miss Anna Grant; Miss Libbie Kibbe; Allie Williams.

LIGONIER - 1884

Last year Ligonier enumerated but 697 school children between the ages of 6 and 21. This year they have 818. This seems to be a surprise even to the citizens of that place - Albion New Era-

TEACHERS of SWAN TWP. 1901 - Sept. 26,1901

Trustee John M. Miller of Swan Township has engaged the following teachers for the coming year;
Miss Beatrice Holmes, Preston School, District No. 1
Miss Mary Simon, Hooper School, District No. 2
Miss Lucy Baker, Hopewell, School, District- No. 3
W. F. Shirley, Miller School, District No. 4
R. J. Stewart, Swan Center School, District No. 5
Miss Edna Whan, Swan School, District No. 6
M. D. Renkenberger, LaOtto, Principal
    William Bolton Second Intermediate;
    Mrs. Harriet Simon, First Intermediate
    Miss Grace Wyant, Primary
Lewis Damond, Haag School, District No. 9
Miss Edna Gorrell, Fulk School, District No. 10
R. E. Bolton, Kugler School, District No. 11
The school at No. 8 is vacated and pupils will be hauled to LaOtto.


DIANA L RATHKE
SHIRLEY M CLOUSE · SEC.
JOHN D WINEBRENNER · PRES.
MEREDITH THOMPSON PRIN.
HELEN FRAZE · SPON
BURTON MAWHORTER ·
SARAH YOUNIS · TREA
Albion Jefferson High School
SENIOR 1960 CLASS
LINDA J McCOY
DANIEL L. PIPPENGER
GEORGE YOUNIS
JERRY O. WOLFE
ORMIN E. BROWN
CATHERINE A SEYMOURE
LOIS S HALSEY
LOWELL D McCLANAHAN JR.
BROOK E FRYMIER
JUDY J. WEIBLE
DAVID H KOENIG
LINDA J ALLEN
JUDITH E VICE
ROGER E FORKER
ALLEN E PETERSEN
CHARLOTTE J McDONALD
JOYCE A HARLAN
PAUL R TROWBRIDGE
MAURICE C. McINTYRE
BEVERLY K WEBER
LINDA L McGUIRE
WILLIAM H. SCHEURICH
SHARON K HORINE
RONALD L STREBY
ILENE A. BORDNER
DOUGLAS M SLESSMAN
ROBERT A STUMP
CAROL WINEBRENNER
ROSEMARY J BAIR
LARRY W JONES
CONNIE C BOGGS
DORIS E BENDER
JON M BROWN
THOMAS F DRESSLER
STEPHEN L HOLLOPETER
PATRICIA K MOORE
RICHARD L COATS
KERRY T RADCLIFFE
GLENN R BOGNER
DAVID F. CORY
ROBERT'S STUDIO
FORT WAYNE

MUST TAKE NEW EXAMINATION - 1900

The state board of education has issued an order to the effect that all persons holding licenses to teach must take an examination in American literature and that when new subjects are taught the teacher must pass an examination in those subjects. There are a large number of teachers in the state (and some in Noble county) who hold what are termed exemption licenses, which are obtained after teaching a certain number of years, if the teacher holds a diploma from the state normal school or has passed a certain examination, which is intended to show the qualifications of a state normal graduate, and all these will now be compelled to report for an examination in American literature on questions submitted by the state board.

The Albion Democrat May 17, 1900-

THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Albion, September 1, 1875

Rules for conducting teachers' examinations and the standard of qualifications required to receive a license.

Supt. Skinner submitted the following:

The examination will be held at Albion on the last Saturday of each month. Questions issued by the State Board will be used.

A General average of 60 to 75 per cent, with no branch under 35 per cent will entitle the applicant to a license for six months.

A general average of 75 to 85 per cent with no branch under 43 per cent-Twelve months.

A general average of 85 to 95 per cent, with no branch under 65 per cent Eighteen months.

A general average of 95 to 100 per cent, with no branch under 75 per cent Twenty-four months.

Credits of not more than 20 per cent for each of the following items will be added to the applicant's record for taking and reading educational journals, for institute attendance, for previous success and for special preparation.

M. C. Skinner, Pres.
C. R. Wiley, Secretary

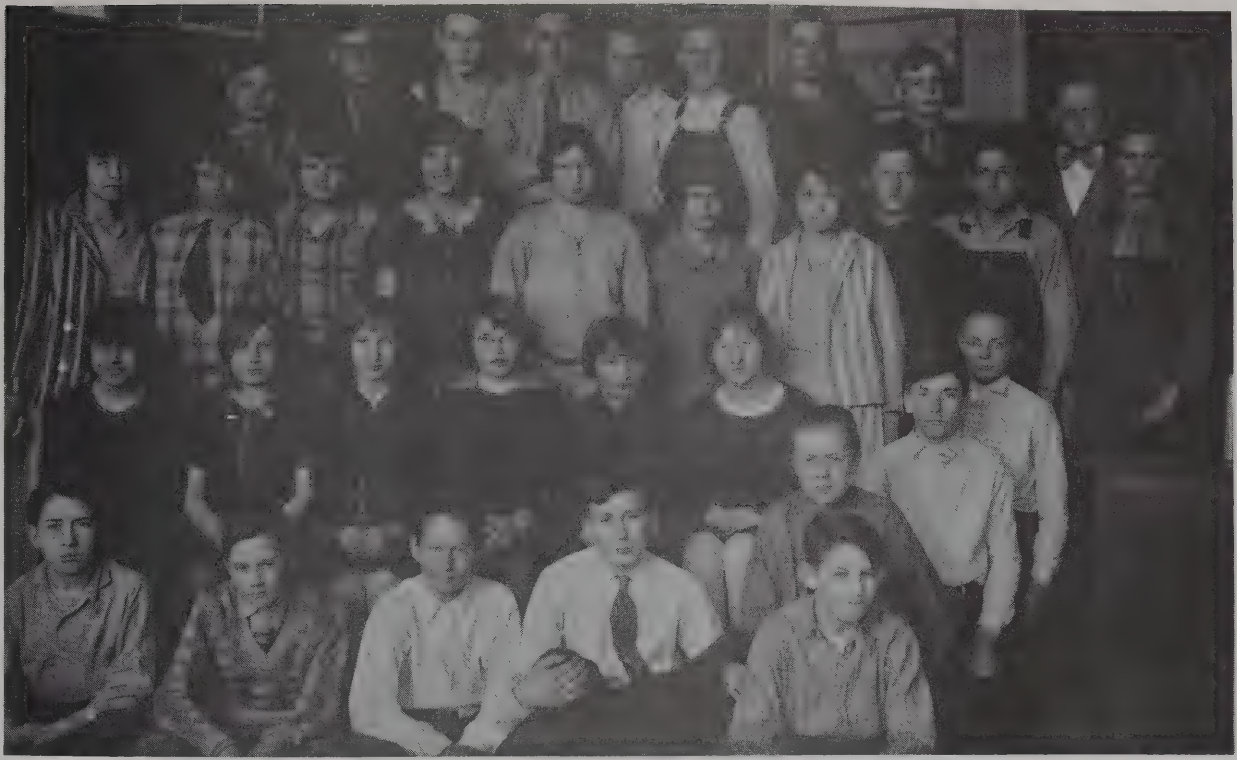
SCHOOL GOVERNMENT

New Era - 1875

1. Don't loosen the reins of government in order to obtain the good will of your pupils.
2. Be kind, and smile often. Don't govern by your sour looks.
3. Teach by example, rather than precept. Be a model yourself.
4. Give your pupils plenty to do. Be promtp. Be resolute, Be Ambitious.
5. Don't threaten and fail to enforce. Have no communication--- Move quietly.
6. Reprimand for the first offense. Don't wait for the second.

In 1900 a teacher in a certain Noble county school (allegedly) received the following note from the mother of a boy who had been absent for a day or two:

"Dere Mam-pleze eggcuse Willy. He didn't hav but one pare of trowsers, an I kep him home to wash and mend them, and Mrs. O'tooles cow come and et them off the line, and that awt to be essguse enuff goodness nose.
Yours with respeck. Mrs. B."



WAYNE CENTER SCHOOL - Grades 7 and 8 - 1928-1929

Teacher - Thurlo Holcomb - Top Row left to right: Cecil Feller; Richard Frick; Elmer Longyear; Lauren Smith; Perry Leatherman; Robert Richart; Elvert Nichols; Howard Frick. Second row: Delores Strouse; Arcille Smith; Phyllis Rinkenberger; Louise Richard; Katherine Marshall; Evelyn Kurtz; Ruby Strater; Gilbert Baumle; Eursal Smith; Harlan Shumaker. Third Row: Delores Hinkley; Madeline Bleck; Mary Delight Swogger; Vera Marie Kurtz; Rosellyn Sollenberger; Mildred Uhl; Harold Hill; Lester Leatherman; Bottom Row: Cleo Zinn; Doyle Devoe; Cedric Strater; Robert Oberlin Hollie Strater; John Riddle.

ALLEN TOWNSHIP TEACHERS , October 1890

District No. 1	Allen Chapel - Dollie Goodrich
District No. 2	Lisbon Mr. Reprogel
District No. 3	Maple Street - Miss Stella Rousch
District No. 4	Mt. Pleasant, J. W. Chesnoun
District No. 5	Gawthrop - Miss Kate Mohnesmith
District No. 6	Sherman - Miss Eunice Waite
District No. 7	Pieper - Miss Julia Wilkinson
District No. 9	Singery or Spencer - R. J. Stewart
District No. 11	Turkey Pen - Miss Dollie Kline
District No. 12	Germany - Miss Nellie Epp.

Avilla News of 1890

NAMES OF THE 64 COMMON SCHOOL GRADUATES OF 1900

Elkhart Twp. - Walter C. Hursh, Cosperville; Lyman Piggett, Wawaka; J. W. Earle, teacher; Etta Zimmerman, Mary Frick, Cosperville; Chas. Rendel, teacher. Dora Lindsey, Timothy Cass, Wawaka; Ada Wolf, teacher.

Noble Twp. - Walter L. Johnson, Merriam; Hazel Kitt, May F. Rendel, Walter Stults, Rachael Myers, Chas. Stults, Lucile Foster, Nellie Carter, Wolf Lake; Judd Wiley, Teacher.

Green Twp. - Clyde Geiger, Arthur McGuire, Churubusco; Samuel Kimmell, teacher. William Bills, Avilla; Nettie Shirley, teacher.

Wayne Twp. - Vera Bower, Helmer; Bessie Hovarter, Kendallville; Mrs. S. Rogers Teacher. Minnie Longyear, Kendallville; Fannie Ihrie, teacher. Adam Phafman, Kendallville; V. Pfaffman, teacher.

Swan Twp. - Archie Coil, Carl Bolton, Lulu Ballet, Jennie Cramer, Enid Simon; M. D. M. D. Rinkenberger, teacher. Mae Rosenberger, Laotto; Leora Potter, teacher. Mary DeHoff, Allie Beckley; Robert Bolton, Teacher; Clara Shirley, Nettie Shirley,teacher.

Allen Twp. - Claude Knaur, Arthur DeCamp, Myra Pennel, Otto Long, Roland Schutt, F. H. Hersh, teacher.

Orange Twp. - Agnes Pressler, Elizabeth Sullivan, Panzy Price; E. Broughton, teacher. Mary Mellott; G. E. Milnor, teacher.

Washington Twp. - J. C. Kilgore, Maynard Buckles, Charlotte Kiester, Nellie Buckles, Teacher. Russell Hartsock; J. W. Stoner, teacher. Iva Longfellow; Edith Franks, teacher.

Sparta Twp. - Grace Archer; C. H. Seymoure, teacher. Myrtle McDonald, Ralph Jones, Georgia Flowers, Gladys Robbins; H. M. Edsal, teacher. Milo Snyder; Hannah Kiester, teacher; Myrtle Stocker; H. E. Bause, teacher. Forrest Cress; Amy Wolf,Teach.

York Twp. - Kate Bonar, Claude Noe, Marion Hursey, Mirom Hursey; G. O. Foote, Teacher

Jefferson Twp.-Orpha Baker; Martha Black; M. P. Thomas, teacher. Vera Holden, Ellen Moorhouse; Stella Moorhouse, teacher. Clarence Baldwin, Freedom Bowen, J. E. Niswonder, teacher.

There were 200 applicants. the Highest grade was by Arthur DeCamp 85.75%
Second Highest was Mary DeHoff 84.75%

Perry Twp. -Edna Walker; J. Summers, teacher -

There were two hundred applicants - the highest grade was by Arthur DeCamp, 85.75%
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E. L. Adair was County Superintendent

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TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF NOBLE COUNTY November, 1900 -

Washington - Lewis Schlabach, Rep.; Sparta - M. L. Hussey, Rep.; Perry George Hostetter,Rep.
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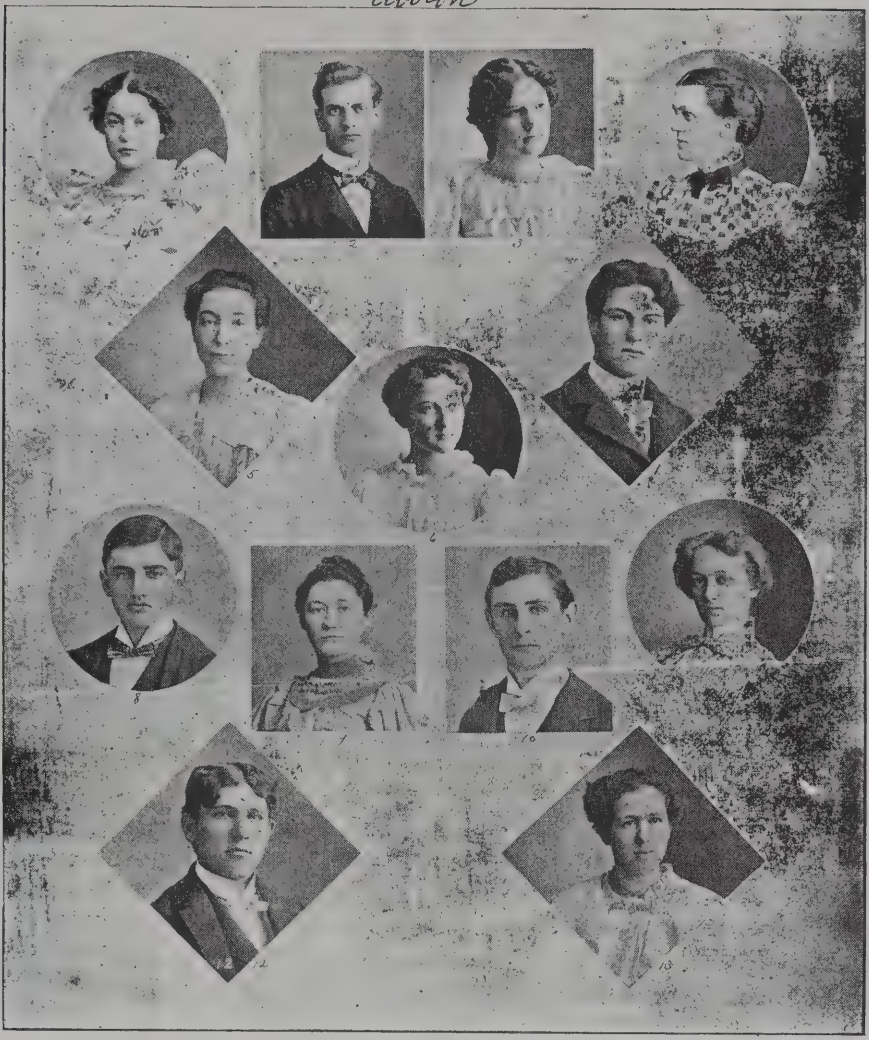
Green - William O. Shambaugh, Dem.; Jefferson - Allen C. Hoffman, Dem.;
Orange - John E. Gault, Rep.; Wayne - Lewis P. Merkling, Dem; Allen - Joseph S. Bortner,Dem.
Swan - John M. Miller, Dem. - Albion - Edward P. Eagles, Dem.

CLASS OF 1898

Albion



Beulah (Franks) Halferty Rolla Blackman Viva (Kitt) Young Fannie Stone—deceased
Edith Franks Leone (Smith) Hicks Pliny Berger
Firmend Shirley Edna Brackney Edwin F. Worden Daisy (Dice) Stuart
Bert Fuller—deceased Pearl (Simon) Miller

KANSAS SCHOOL-Elkhart Twp. 1979

KENDALLVILLE, MAY 1, 1884

The Noble county board of education met in the office of County Supt. W. P. Denny May 1, 1884, and voted that the first five books of McGuffey's revised Readers be readopted for the next six years also adopted were Ray's two-book series of arithmetic; the Electric U. S. History. The adoption of a text book on Physiology was tabled.

WAYNE CENTER EXAMINATION

There will be an examination held at Wayne Center for those wishing to graduate in the Public School branches. All pupils are urged to attend May 13, 1890.

C. H. McMillan, Trustee

1890

The schols in nearly all the cities and towns throughout Northern Indiana have closed for the week. This has been done in order that the teachers may attend the teacher's Association at Columbia City.

ALBION ERA 1884

The school board of the Town of Albion selected a new Principal for the Albion Schools on Thursday night of last week. There were two applicants. These were Mr. O. Z. Hubbell, of DeKalb, who was a candidate for joint representative for the counties of Noble, Elkhart, and Dekalb in 1882, and a Mr. White.

The latter was selected, the vote standing 2 to 1. The New Principal comes highly recommended and will no doubt prove the right man in the right place.

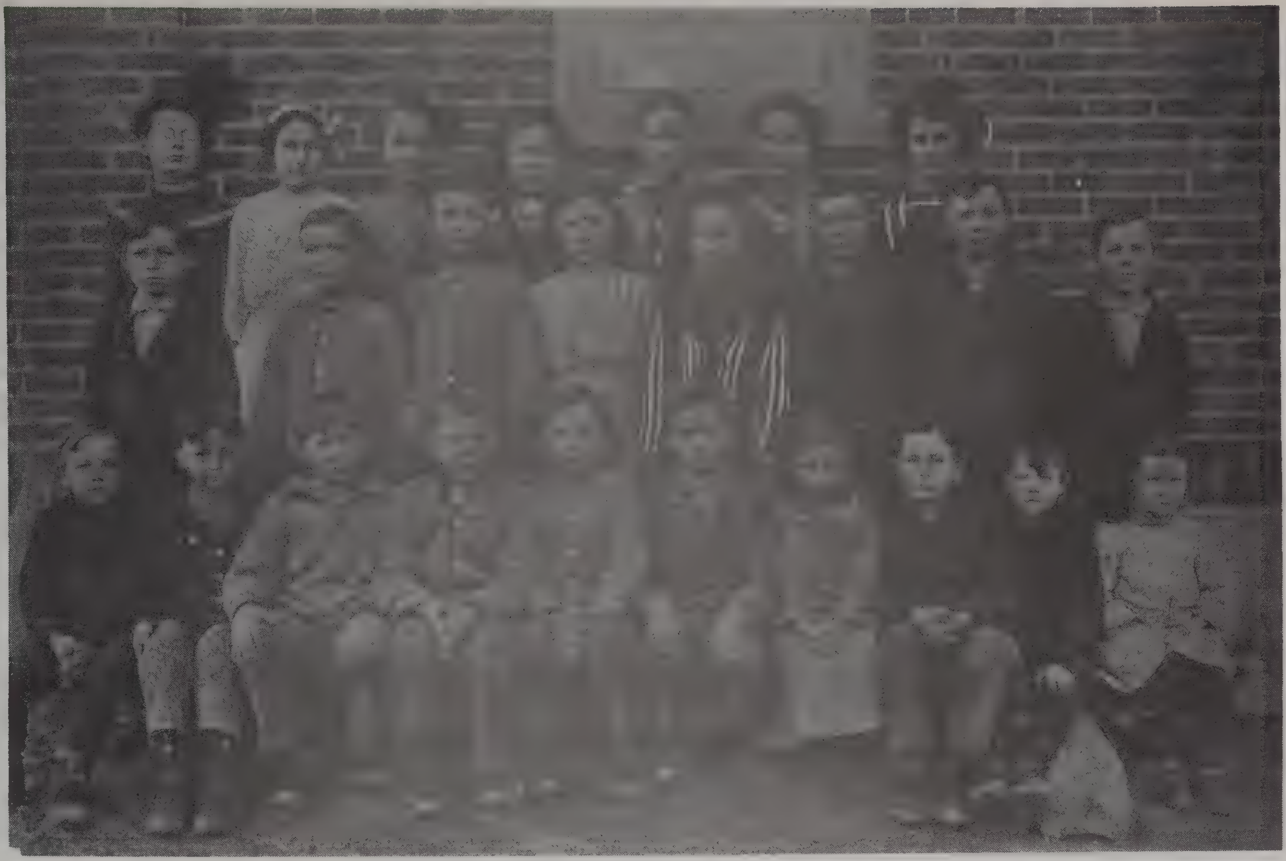
AVILLA

In 1871 a brick school building was erected at 100 Baum St., first house north of Koons' Market, now in 1978 a dwelling. Mr. Bollinger lives there now. He found the corner stone of the house, a marble slab, in the yard, where it had been for many years. The inscription - Districts 6 and 7 Allen Township 1871.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TEACHERS AND THEIR SALARIES FOR AN ENTIRE TERM

Trustee Melvin Hines' report for term ending April, 1900.

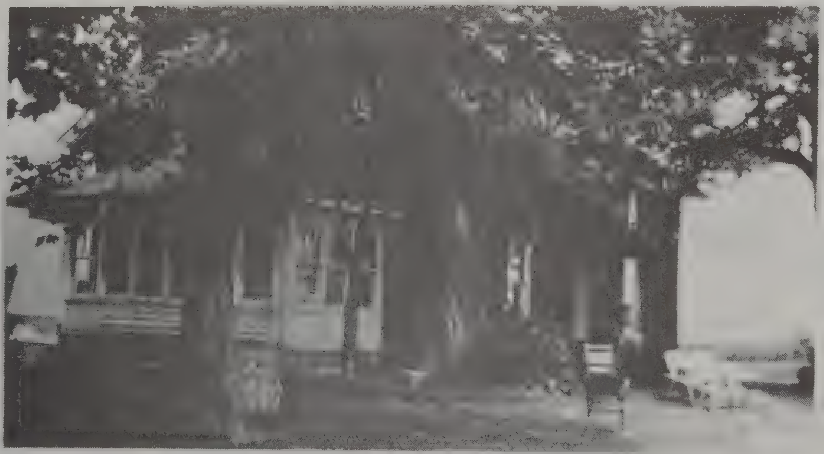
Charles Guthrie,	No. 8	$231.00
Morton P. Thomas	No. 6	$231.00
Estella Moorhouse	No. 5	231.00
Naomi Penn	No. 1	231.00
Lou M. Turley	No. 2	231.00
J. E. Niswander	No. 3	231.00
J. M. Shoemaker	No. 7	231.00
F. J. Turley	No. 10	231.00



OAK GROVE SCHOOL - 1910

FIRST ROW - Left to right - Francis McMichael; Porter Black; Ira Wright; Vance Fulk; Arther Becker; Brady Peters; Arlene Fulk; Walter Becker; Frank McMichael; Annie Marquist. SECOND ROW: Chancy McMichael; Earl Huffman; Ross Fulk; Katie Becker; Maude McLallin; Therol Black; Dallas Black; Ivan McMichael; THIRD ROW: Zoe Kinnison (Teacher) Ruby McLallin; Lavon Fulk; Faye Huffman; Arnold Black; Clara McLallin; Blanche Tilliso-n.

Photo Courtesy of Ruby Mclallin Murry



Roberts Schol - Wayne Twp - 100 East and U. S. 6

CROMWELL HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY 1961

Arthur Loveless Robert Hayes Milo Troyer Warren Bailey
Merrill Jacks Lowell Hoyt Marcia Carpenter Betty Witmer
Marvin White Robert Henne Gretta Fullerton Richard Surber
Joseph N. Adair, County Supt. of Schools
Lloyd C. Moore, Trustee of Sparta Twp.

Fifty-Sixth Annual
Commencement Exercises.
At Cromwell High School
Saturday, May 20, 1961

Processional	Cromwell Band
Invocation	Rev. Edward Hager
"Monarch" by J. Olivadoti	Cromwell School Band
Commencement Address	Dr. Robert E. Switzer Director of Children's Service, Menninger Clinic, Topeka,Kan.
"Apple Valley" by J. Olivandoti	Cromwell Band
Presentation of Awards and Diplomas by	Principal Arthur Loveless
Benediction	Rev. Edward Hager
Recessional	Cromwell Band

CLASS ROLL - 1961 Graduates

Bob Allen Groves
Larry Lee Growcock
Brenda Violet Hunt
Judy Lee Justis, Salutitorian
Kenneth Doyt Leamon
June Lee McDonald
Kathryn Ann McDonald
John William Moore
Penny Adel Rodgers
Sharon Arlene Rosenogle
Vivian Edith Scarbeary

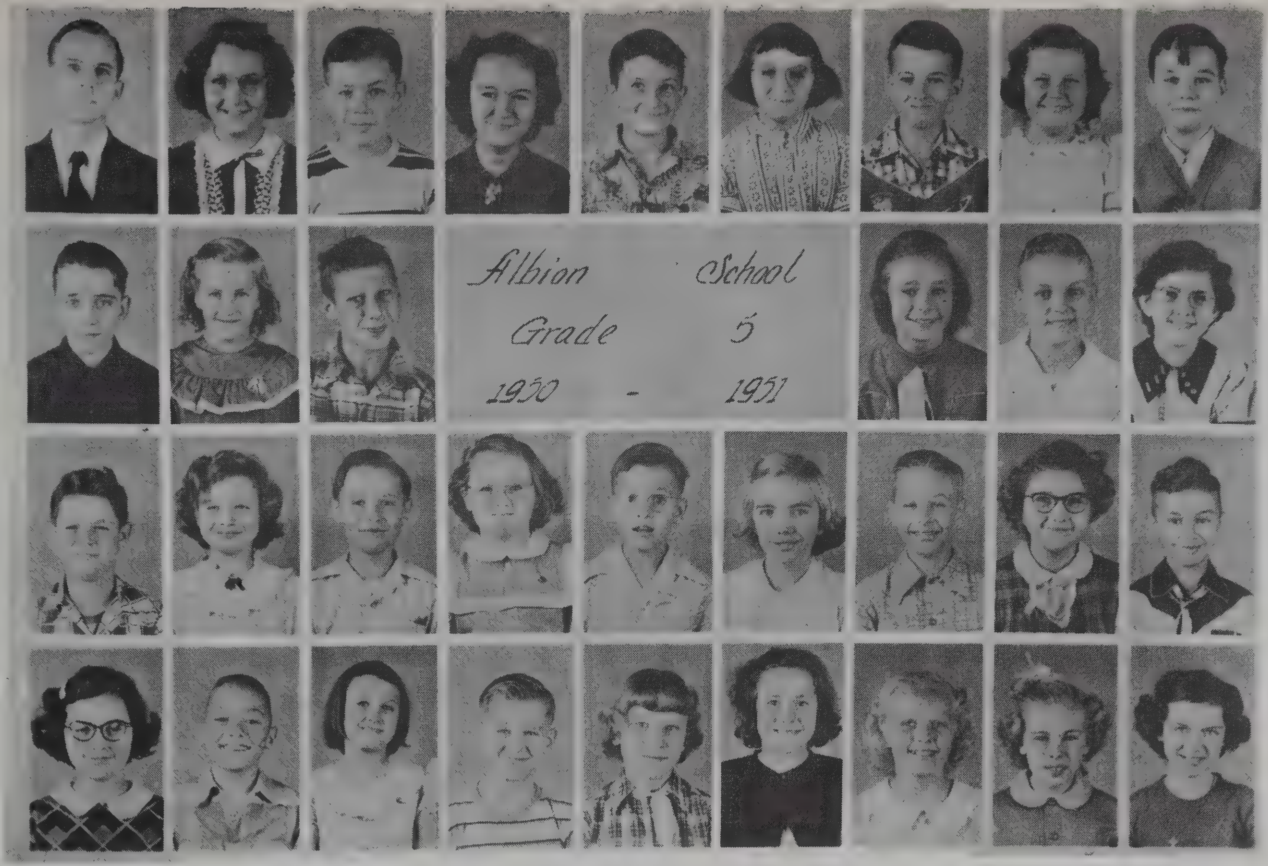
Judith Ellen Adair
Sharon Kay Archer
Larry Eugene Bair
Judy Anne Baker
Joyce Christine Burkett, Valedictorian
Richard E. Bechtold
Larry Allen Bitner
Burris B. Bonham
Patric Lee Elliott
Donald Franklin Ferguson
Harold Duane Fought

REPORT CARD
Reamer Keller

'F's and D's don't stand for fine and dandy."
THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE

ART WINBURG

"This business of going from third to fourth grade is nothing but a big promotional gimmick."



Albion Elementary School - Grade 5 - 1950-51

Row I - Left to right, Leo Pippenger - Teacher; Doris Halferty; Burr Leach; Diana Seymoure(Leffel); Byron Black (deceased); Edith Stringfellow (Wentworth); Dewaine King Madeline Fay Wilson; G. Lane Smith, Jr.
Row II- Fred Harroff; Marilyn Conrad; Eugene Souders; Margaret Auld; Jerry Frymier; Rosalee Dickworth;
Row III - Homer Reeve; Penney Edsall; Jerry Butler; Jane Guthrie; David Richman; Marilyn Johnson (Jackson); Steven Smith; Janet Smith (Austin); Ronald Conrad.
Row IV - Nyla Truelove (Ebey) Morton Stanley Thomas III(Jonny) Elizabeth Coker; Larry Joe Norris; Hollis Metz(Vice); Ellen Rosenogle; Angela Bauman(Demske); Jean Priest (Moore); Bette Bowman.

KLINE SCHOOL
Jefferson Township

COMMON SCHOOL GRADUATES OF NOBLE COUNTY
As Reported in the Era of April 3, 1907

Washington Twp. - Bertha M. Clay; Esther Greider; Chester Schlabach; Ross Treer and Brant B. Jones.
Sparta Twp. - Bessie Bause; Eliza Long; Rosa Lemmon; Chas. Batz; Ruth Harper; Ethel Dull; Everett Clark; and Darl Steller.
Perry Twp. - Leo A. Stage and Burley Miller.
Elkhart Twp. - Russell B. King and Mary Poppy.
York Twp - Nona Smith; Belle Cole and Anna Blackman.
Noble Twp - Bernard Baughman; Asa Riddle; Wilbur Harroff; Wilbur Brickle; Lester Hindman; and Flossie Gregory.
Green Twp. - Maude Russell; Lauris Herron; Lucy Summers; Glen Gaff and Elsie Cook.
Jefferson Twp. - Edith Belt; Ethel Belt; Ruth Bortner; Hazel Bortner; and Bessie Hoffman.
Orange Twp. - Lowell L. Newman; Newton W. Smith; Harry Kelsey.
Wayne Twp. - Herbert DeFoe; Edmund Locker; Ruth Riehm; Cora Uhl; Wilda Waldron; Harold Diggins and Zella Hunt.

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WOLF LAKE, January 16, 1875
Noble and Washington Townships Hold Institute

Trustee C. R. Wiley called the meeting to order - Secretary - E. Knapp;
Critic; L. W. Welker -
Addition and Subtraction of simple numbers was commenced by I. Skeels of Noble Twp. He failed to answer some of the questions asked by L. Welker, E. Knapp and D. Stouffer.

1:00 P.M. The subject of reading was taken up by D. D. Stouffer and F. Knapp, which called out quite a bit of criticism.

L. W. Welker, of Noble Twp., then discussed the analysis of sentences.

Next, School Government was discussed by E. Knapp and became a subject of general discussion.

Opening of question box. Critics Report.
Next meeting to be held at the school house No. 1, in Washington Twp, Feb. 13, 1875.
E. Knapp, Secretary.

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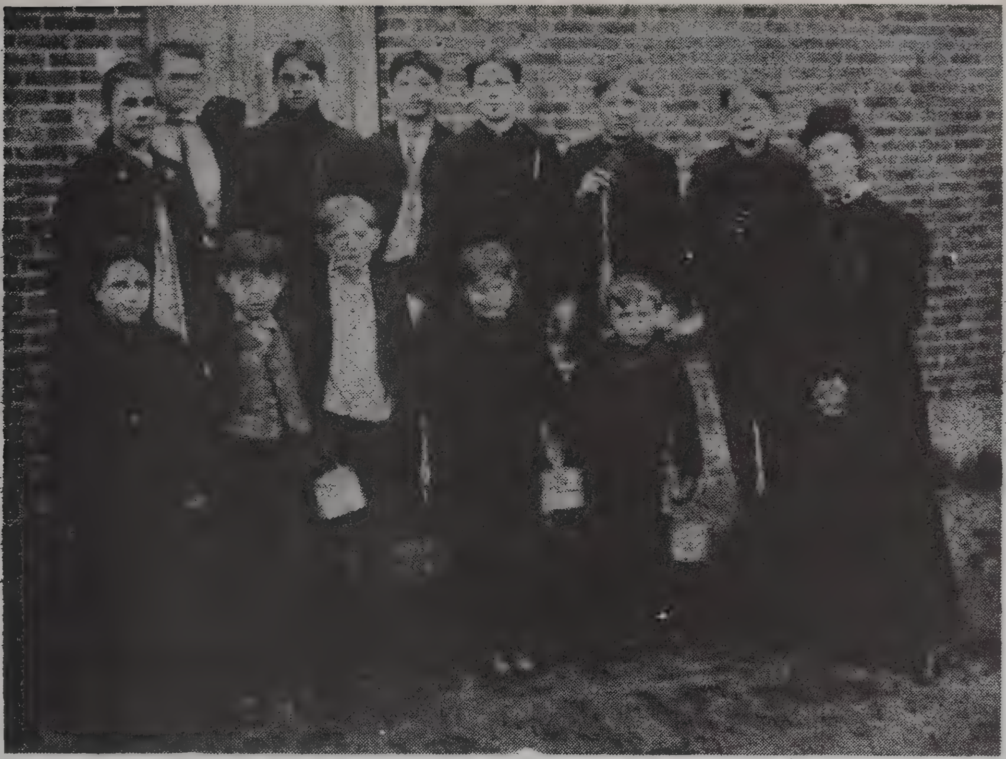
THE SPELLING MATCH AT THE COURT HOUSE - 1875

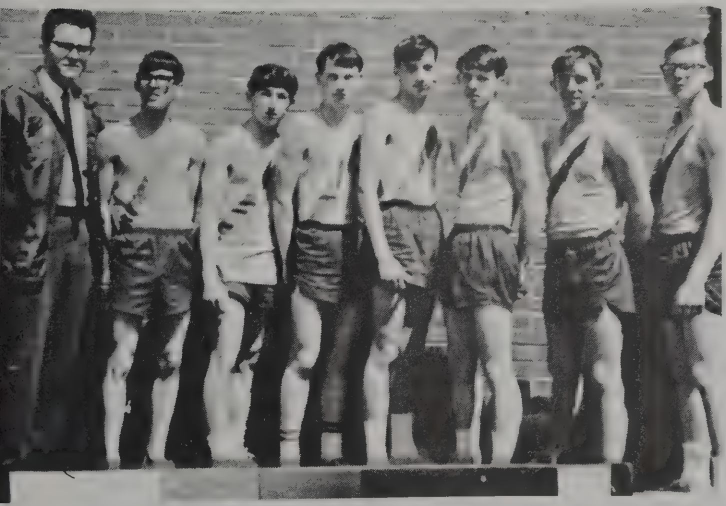
M. C. Skinner, Pres. who appointed W. R. Knox and G. W. Roof as Captains to marshall the hosts. The dictionary was the authority and T. M. Eells pronounced the words.
Roof selected: G. W. Roof; Miss L. Woodruff; Miss C. Harkins; Miss M. Acus; W. Frank Clapp; Dr. N. Sessions; Mrs. H. S. Bortner; N. P. Eagles; M. C. Skinner; Frank Cook; Thurlow Phillips and F. O. Kammerer.
W. R. Knox selected: W. R. Knox, Mrs. Dr. Sessions; Miss Alice Barnum; Charles Manning; Dr. S. L. Cook; Miss Ella Prentiss; Miss McMahan; Lorin Woodruff; Frank Singery; Elam Shirk; Aura Laycox and Miss Fisher.
After a brief contest, while sitting, resulting in a victory for Roof. They rose to "Spell down". Again Roof won with three standing, Miss Harkins, N. P. Eagles and Frank Cook; The last to yield of Knox's Class was Miss Allie Barnum who miscounted one of the beads of her "rosa(e)ry," and sat down to meditate over it.
Eagles succumbed to the attack of a "gavi(e) al." Then Cook said "u" to a "gawky," and was knocKed down for it, leaving Cora Harkins the champion.



1907 students

1907 STUDENTS AT OLD SPARTA SCHOOL - Teacher Miss Goldie Weade,
rby Earnhart; Ralph Schlotterback; Harvey Werker; John Pollock; Bernard Bollock
ack row: Idress Lint; Althea Crothers; Roy Schlabaugh; Orlo Werker; Levi Nulb; Wallie
int; Wiley Pollock and Miss Weade, teacher.

Courtesy Edna Ott



WAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM - 1967 - David Franklin; Wayne Lewis; Mike Franks; Bill Studebaker; Frank Franks; Monte Ramer; Phil Reidenbach; and Coach Sipe-

This team in the last year Wawaka was a High School, one of the Warriers, Monte Ramer broke five school records and placed second at the Sectional Track meetin Elkhart in the 200 yard dash which qualified him for Regional competition. There he qualified to participate in State events marking the first time Wawaka High School Warriors had a track athlete to qualify for State.

Photo Courtesy Mrs. Bonnie Rice Ramer

TRUANCY LAW VIOLATIONS
January, 1900

Truancy officer B. F. Bowman swore out warrants last friday for the arrest of Amos Engle one of the patrons of the Hill school in Jefferson Township. James Tarelton, a patron of the Sugar Grove School in Green Twp. and Michael Yankowski, a patron of the Huckleberry school in Green Twp., for violations of the truancy law.

They were arraigned before Justice H. R. Veasey, Friday. Mr. Engle pled guilty and was given a fine, with which the costs amounted to $10.55. Messrs. Tarelton and Yankowski pled not guilty and stood trial. They were found guilty and the former's fine and costs amounted to $12.15 and the latter's to $11.70 Yankowski's excuse for not sending his daughter to school was that it cost too much to buy overshoes. He could have purchased quite a number of pairs for $11.70

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ALBION HIGH SCHOOL BOX SUPPER

March 29, 1900

Don't forget the box supper at the high school building Friday evening this week. All friends of education are invited. The parents of school children are especially invited. It is proposed to purchase supplementary reading matter for the lower grammar and primary grades with the proceeds of the supper. Ladies, don't forget to fill a box with good things to eat, put a card with your name on the inside and come to the party. Boys, don't forget to come and buy these boxes. There will be a top spinning match among the grammar school boys - the prize, a bran spangled new top, warranted to run until it runs down. Also voting contests on the most popular young man and the most popular young lady (one penny a vote) for each of which prizes are offered. An uncommon Gypsy will tell your fortune for a nickle. The more you pay, the more fortune you get.

A short musical and literary program will be rendered, beginning at 8 o'clock p.m. The boxes will be auctioned in two lots; one, those of the grammar schools, the other, those of the high school and all others. Auction time, 8 p.m. sharp.

Committee

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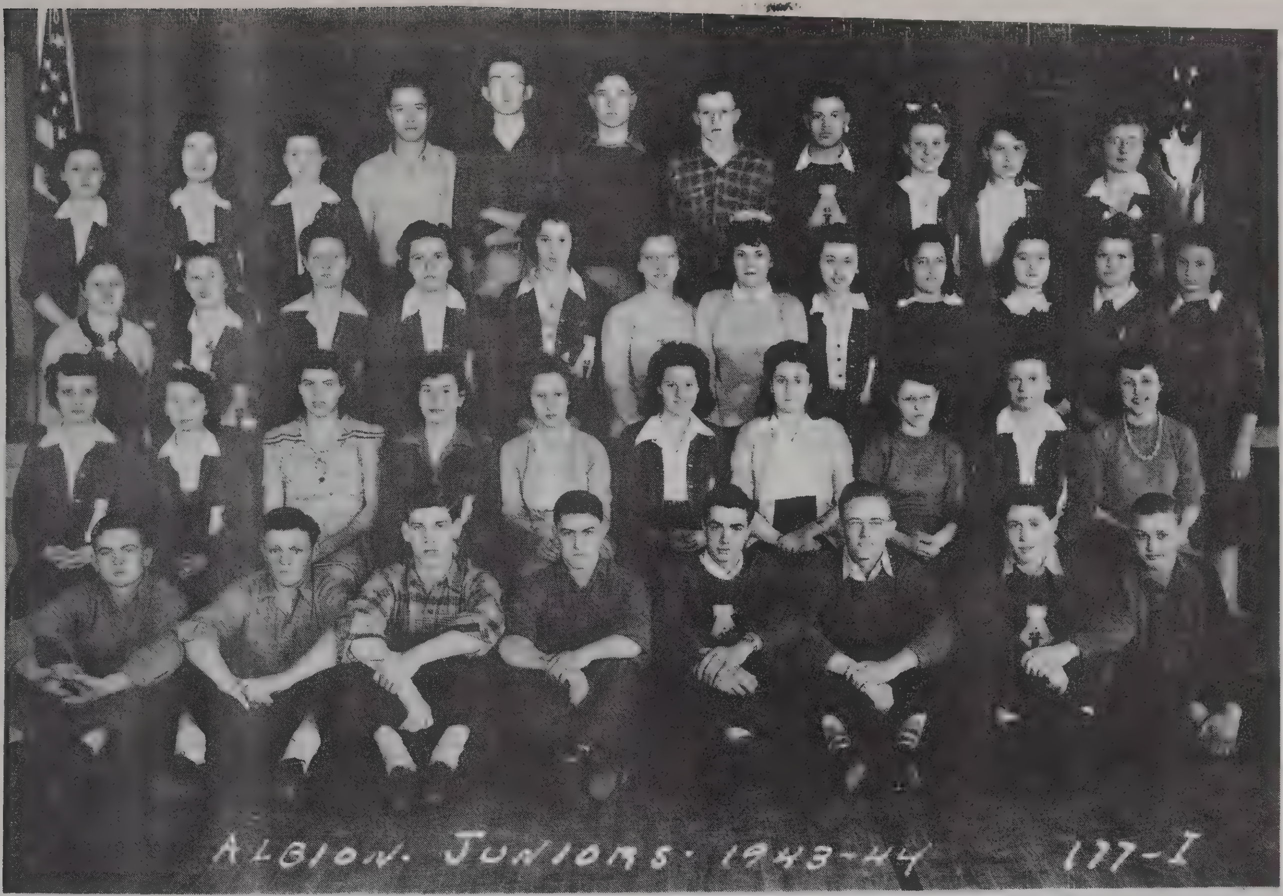

ALBION HIGH SCHOOL - JUNIORS AND SENIORS - 1943-1944

First Row- Seated on Floor - Dick Gage; Jerry Morr; Phil Norris; Jack Weber; Ray Noe; Frank McWilliams; Ben Lemmon; Walter Winebrenner.

econd Row - Viola Wilson; Beverly - Alwine; Marjorie Eby; Helen Knafel; Betty Baker; Helen Duesler; Martha Jane Beck; Joan Curtis; Lois Moore Knafel and Peggy DeGroff Davis.

hird Row - Esther Chaney; Jackie Summers Smole k; Wanda Truelove Stout; Geraldine Johnson; Ruth Haney; Barbara Frymier; Mary Lou Thomas; Doris York; Ruth Weeks Conkling; Martha Ellen Luther Lemmon; Mary Esther Brown; and Mary Lou DuBois Norris.

op Row - Martha Earnhart; Hazel Leffel; Deloris McCoy; Rodney Seiber; Max Savoie; Merlin riskney; Jim Snyder; Howard Berkes; Betty Smith; Beth Faux and Doris Billman.

Photo Courtesy of Helen Dawson Miller-Arizona

Lisbon School - Allen Twp.
Ind. 3 - 400 N.

TEACHERS' NEW WAGE LAW of 1903

The new law provides that first term teachers shall receive per diem an amount amount determined by multiplying 2¼ cents by the average grade; second and third term teachers, 2½ cents multiplied by the average grade; after three years experience the per diem is determined by multiplying two and 3/4 cents by the average grade. The new law adds 2 cents to the average grade. This would give the teachers 90 cents $1.00 and $1.10 per month on the term if the teacher attends all sessions of the institute. Under the old law teachrs received the regular per diem wages for attending the County institute. In every case, the wages could be no less than $2.00 per day and in some cases $2.50 per day. This would make $10 to $12.50 for the term. Now with the 2% added to the teacher's average grade it will reduce the pay to $6.30 and scaling up as high as $7.70 for a seven months'term. Thus we see that there is a reduction in expenses of the county institute at least of one third of what it was last year.

The Albion Democrat.

RECALL OF BYGONE DAYS- by Helen Dawson Miller

My Grandmother Clucas along with her sister and six brothers attended one of the log schools in Green Township in the 1850's and 60's. I am Sorry I do not remember the name of the school. The pupils sat on benches made by splitting a long in half and smoothing off the worst of the splinters and by putting pegs in for legs. Their McGuffey's Reader and other books lay on the bench beside them and they wrote on their slates held in their laps. The teachers name was Cunningham.

The teacher would punish the children by cracking them over the knuckles with a ruler until they bled. My great-grandfather, Jesse Ott, would go to the community meeting to vote on who the next teacher would be for the next year. The children would all run out to meet their father when he returned home to find out who the teacher would be. He always reported, "Old Cunningham". Noone else seemed to be available. Grandmother Clucas was scared to death of him.

When my folks went to No. 7 (Mullin School) the building was made of logs. The cracks in the floor were so wide that if the pupils dropped their slate pencils, they would roll down through the cracks and the boys would crawl under the building at recess to recover them. We can imagine how cold the building must have been in zero weather. By the way, I never once heard any of the folks call No. 7 the Mullin School. The teachers there at different times included: Hirman Earnhart, Kate Clark Earnhart; Louisa Clark; Lilly Kilgore; Loomis Foote and Riley Smith. Both of my parents went to school to Riley Smith the last term they attended. It was the first term Riley had taught. You will recall that the pupils went through the fifth grade or "reader" and then kept repeating the fifth grade as long as they wanted to go to school.

Lilly Kilgore roomed and boarded with my Grandmother Dawson. I believe the amount that Lilly paid my grandmother was a dollar a week. My grandmother also packed her lunch and washed and ironed and sewed for her for this dollar.

When Louisa Clark taught at No. 7 she had no clock or watch to tell the time so she had her sister Emma at home about a half mile away hang out a sheet. When the sheet appeared Louisa knew it was time to dismiss for recess, noon, or for the day. She continued to do this until she was able to save enough from her meager salary to buy a watch.

My mother said that most of the children she went to school with were so very, ery poor. There were two little boys who brought their lunch in a tin pail and all they had, day after day, was beans boiled in salt water. The beans were poured directly into the bucket and two spoons stuck in for them to eat with. My mother felt so sorry for them that Grandmother Clucas would find room in my mother's and or Elza's or Jesse's pails for an extra two slices of applebutter bread, two pieces of fried chicken or a couple Northern Spy apples. If you had been fortunate enough to have known "Mandie Clucas" you would have known that was just like her.

I never had to walk to school. My first year, Frank Luther was hired to take us to York Center. He drove our two-seated buggy in inclement weather and borrowed our bob sleds when there was snow on the ground. We sat on a bed of straw on the sled and my mother would wrap Thelma Cleland Luther and I up together in a big wool blanket so we would help keep each other warm. The buggy wasn't large enough for all to sit on the seats so Mr. Luther put a box on the floor up in front and Clarence Seaburg and Leonard Cooper took turns sitting on it.

After the first year we were transferred to Port Mitchell and were taken to school in a "hack" driven by Enoch Shisler. The hack was big top-heavy wooden affair with a long bench along each side to sit on. The door was in the back. Roy DePew and David Bonar were "doormen" stationed to help the smaller children up the high steps into the hack. If Enoch had ever tipped over with it on the ice, it would have been a pile of kindling and we would all have been killed. The only resemblence it had to the buses today was that it was painted yellow.

Opening exercises in the morning we sang from THE GOLDEN BOOK OF FAVORITE SONGS and we played "Old Cat" on the blackboard at recess. So much for reminiscing!

Helen B. Dawson Miller

Birch Wielders Assembly - August 1903 -

Percent of attendance was 99 per cent.
Miss Fannie stone and Dr. Carver added much to the entertainment Wednesday by the solos they sang. A number of the teachers will take the regular examination today.

The following teachers who were members of the present institute were also members of the institute of 1883, twenty years ago; Raye Merkling; Libbie Stewart; Jennie sedgwick; R. F. Stewart; and George W. Smith. At that time the enrollment was 175.

Seventeen teachers were members of the institute ten years ago, who were members of the present institute; Nettie Shirley; Mae Halferty; Mrs. Lizzie Clark; Jessie Decker; Osa Pennell; Libbie Stewart; Fannie Ihrie; Hattie Fox; Raye Merkling; Jennie Sedgwick;R.J. Stewart J. H. Starkey; H. E. Bause; E. L. Prickett; E. E. McDonald; W. E. Harsh and George W. Smith.

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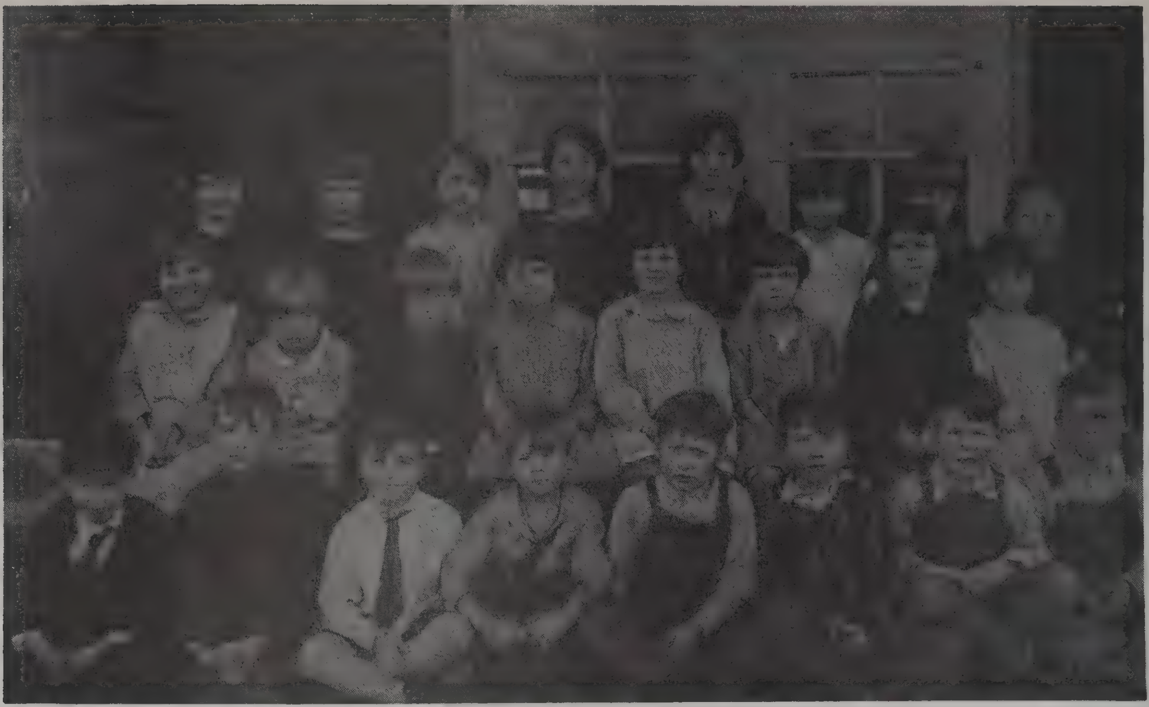

First and Second Grades
First Row : Left to Right - ____Brower; George Parkinson; Dean Parker; J. C. Gray; Woodrow Johnson; Jr. Smith; John Waters; Virgil Richards; SECOND ROW: Esther Gaerte; Mary Wysong; Mary Parkinson; Gladys Richards Frances Connell; Ilene Winebrenner; Kathryn Hively. Back ROW: Bonneal Kiester; Nora Stangland; Mary Surfus; Mary Jane Herron; Pauline Taylor; Donna Cochran; Ilene Adair; _________.

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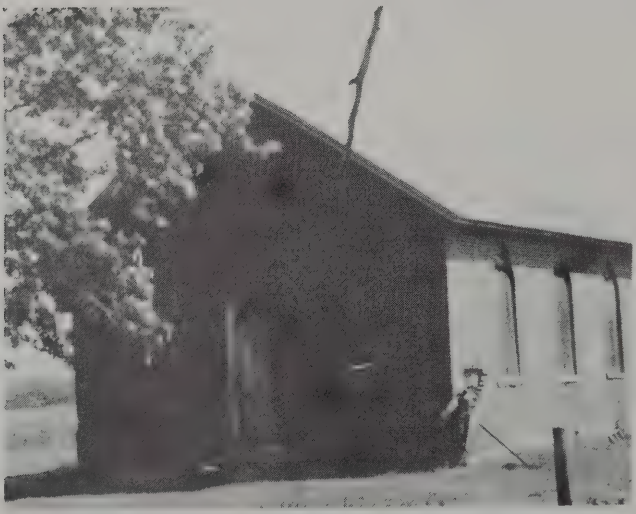

Swan Center School-Swan Twp.
Section 16

TEACHERS ENROLLED AT THE 1898 COUNTY INSTITUTE

D. J. Starkey; A. N. Hutchins; J. W. Earle; H. E. Bause; Louise Butz; Wm. Bolton; Lena Wolfe; Ada Wolfe; Alba Bales; Harriet Bidwell; Rosa Sheffer; Leona Browand; C. E. Thorpe; J. C. Shepler; J. H. Starkey; Verne Faux; Maude Frazure; J. E. Niswander; G. L. Foote; Anna Griffin; Edna Purdy; J. W. Stoner; A. F. Williams; Raye Merkling; Jasper Crow;

Minnie Flinn, Harriet Fox; J. R. Stewart; W. E. Harsh; F. W. Gaff; J. L. Godfrey; Virgil Nobles; C. M. Surfus; Mr. Iddings; E. L. Prickett; Libbie Bortner; Bert Earl; Katie Bell; Leona Balliet; C. H. Seymours; H. M. Edsall; Harriet Eagles; P. M. O'Conner.

Harry Miller; Frank Crone; Othe Franks; Mary Marshall; G. E. Milnor; Frank Hooper; Jennie Muter; Carl Gerver; Nettie Shirley; M. P. Thomas; R. E. Smith; Anna Seymoure; Ora Seymoure; Della Akers; Cecil Weller; Leroy Zellers; Louisa Clark; Helena Sack; E. Br-oughton; M. D. Renkenberger; Ella Baughman; M. C. Cass; Maude Voris; F. H. Hersh.

Harry Bodanhafer; Edna Whan; Alta Shafer; Edwin Smith; Ruth Conologue; Sadie Rogers; Chas. Rendel; Desta Bunger; Bessie Stults; Frank Cass; Osie Fletcher; Agnes Fairbanks; Nettie Foster; Nellie Epp; W. P. McWilliams; W. A. Cox; Cjas Smith; Jessie Decker.

Nettie Waite; Silas Cook; Nellie Buckles; W. D. Carver; R. E. Bolton; Leora Potter; Libbie Stewart; D. A. Lambright; Sam Kimmell; Blanche Galloway; Rhoda Galloway; Mrs. Fausett; Nan Peterson; Ocie Pennell; L. B. McCray; Ada Amos; Mae Gallup; Judd Wiley; Hazel Gray; J. J. Summers; Gertrude Cole; Will Knox.

Jennie Sedgwick; Grace McGuire; Geo Smith; H. G. Earnhart; F. C. Osborn; E. E. E. E. McDonald; Grace Wiant; Naomi Penn; Estella Moorhouse; Harriet Wykle; Hannah Kiester; Mabel Treash; Lucy Baker; Harriet Simon; F. Shirley; Cora Schwab; William Earl; Nellie Kilgore.

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1903

Teachers

Should buy Pencils, Tablets, Fans, Combs, Hairpins, Kercheifs at the

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Make arrangement here, to have your Pictures taken while in town.

Wolf Lake - Grade 9 - 1944 - 45.

R.C.Hs
1912-13

ROME CITY BASKETBALL TEAM 1912-1913
Left to Right - Ernest Myers; Derward Preston; Ray Malone; Vernon Myers;
Neil Holsinger, John R. Young, Teacher-
Photo - Courtesy Roma Milnor Shideler

NOBLE COUNTY, INDIANA
DIRECTORY OF
TEACHERS AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS - 1898-1899

Avilla, Ind. The News Presses 1898 - E. L. Adair, Co. Supt.

Washington Twp.

Trustee - F. K. Eaton - - - - - - - - - -Cromwell

No. 1 - Carson Surfus	ormas
No. 2 - J. W. Stoner	Wilmot
No. 3 - Bert Earll	Wolf Lake
No. 4 - Mrs. Josie Cassel	Wilmot
No. 5 - J. H. Starkey	Hecla
No. 6 - Hannah Kiester	Wolf Lake
No. 7 - Nellie Buckles	Wolf Lake

One Room Schools in-
- Stringtown
- Galloway
- Groundhog
- Salem
- Washington Center
- Oak Hill or Knapp
- Brushwood

SPARTA TOWNSHIP

Trustee - J. W. Moore, - - - - - - - - - Cromwell

No. 1 - Hattie Fox	Ligonier
No. 2 - W. T. Mahood	Cromwell
No. 3 - Della Akers	Ligonier
No. 4 - H. E. Bause	Alcinda
No. 6 = O. S. Hart	Cromwell
No. 7 - Edna Purdy	Albion
No. 8 - C. H. Seymoure	Wolf Lake
No. 9 - J. N. Crow	Cromwell

One Room Schools in-
- Slusser
- Greencastle
- Pleasant Valley
- Sparta
- Spangle
- Broadway
- Stones Hill
- Kreager

CROMWELL SCHOOLS

H. D. Miller, Principal	Cromwell
W. P. McWilliams, First Inter-	Albion
Anna Griffin, Second Interm	Brimfield
Anna Seymoure, Primary	Wolf Lake

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Trustee - David Cunningham - - - - - - Ligonier

No. 1 - Helena Sack	Ligonier
No. 2 - Pierre O'Connor	Ligonier
No. 3 - Ada Wolf	Ligonier
No. 4 - Mabel Knepper	Ligonier
No. 5 - J. J. Summers	Ligonier
No. 6 - M. C. Cass	Ligonier
No. 7 - Charles Cornelius	Ligonier
No. 8 - Charles Smith	Ligonier

One Room Schools -
- Burr Oak
- Spring Hill
- Good Hope
- Brush College
- Hopewell
- Fairview
- Independence
- Union

ELKHART TOWNSHIP

Trustee-I. N. Shanower - - - - - - - - - Wawaka

No. 1 - N. N. Lantz	Topeka
No. 2 - Charles F. Rendel	Cosperville
No. 3 - R. L. Black	Topeka
No. 4 - John H. Fox	Ligonier
No. 5 - John Zimmerman	Cosperville
No. 6 - Mary Marshall	Cosperville
No.	

One Room Schools -
- Eddie
- Rice
- Pancake
- Poplar Grove
- Kansas
- Cosperville

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Wawaka High School
SENIOR CLASS

NOBLE COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORY - 1898 - 1899 CONTINUED

ELKHART TOWNSHIP-Cont.

No. 7 Carl Gerver	Cosperville	
No. 9 - Kate E. Swank	Ligonier	Union
No. 10 - Kate M. Bell	Cosperville	Centennial
		Golden

WAWAKA SCHOOLS

John W. Earle, Principal	Wawaka
Frank Cass, First Interm	Ligonier
Olive Shanower, Sec. Inter	Wawaka
Maud Voris, Primary	Albion

Elkhart Twp was the first to consolidate -

YORk TOWNSHIP

Trustee - J. G. Steele - - - - - - -	Albion	ONE ROOM SCHOOLS -
No. 1 - G. L. Foote	Albion	Oak Grove
No. 2 - G. W. Smith	Albion	Pleasant Hill
No. 3 - H. G. Earnhart	Wolf Lake	Pucker Street
No. 4 Louisa Clark	Wolf Lake	Lake Lucid or Blackman
No. 5 - Alta Shaffer	Albion	York Center
No. 6 Sam Kimmell	Wolf Lake	Port Mitchell
No. 7 - R. E. Smith	Albion	Mullin
No. 8 - Lillie Kilgore	Wolf Lake	Crow Hill

NOBLE TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE - D. A. Wiley - - - - - -	Wolf Lake	ONE ROOM SCHOOLS -
No. 3 - Rhoda Galloway	Wolf Lake	Burr Oak
No. 4 - J. C. Shepler	Ormas	Poplar
No. 5 - Hazel Gray	Wolf Lake	Wild Cat
No. 6 - A. F. Williams	Wolf Lake	Chapel
No. 7 - Judd Wiley	Wolf Lake	Pleasant Lake
No. 8 - Walter Baker	Wolf Lake	Stults
No. 9 - D. J. Starkey	Wolf Lake	Little Lake
No. 10 - Virgil Nobles	Ormas	Bug Island
		Jones Hollow

WOLF LAKE SCHOOLS

E. L. Prickett, Principal	Wolf Lake
H. M. Edsall, First Interm	Wolf Lake
Bessie Stults, Second Interm	Wolf Lake
Ella Baughman	Albion

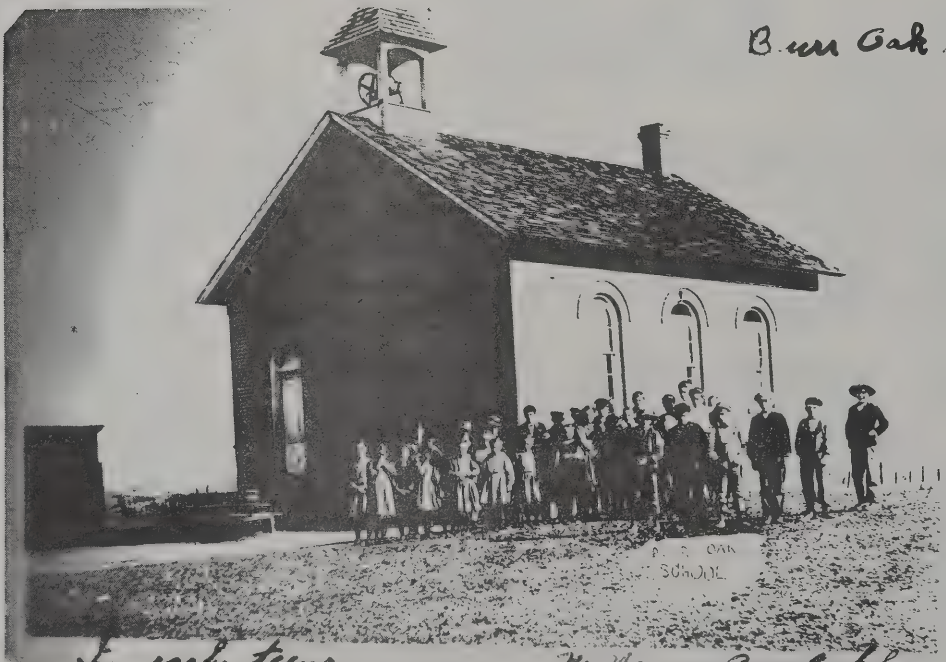
SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NOBLE COUNTY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

November 25 and 26, 1892 at Christian Church, Kendallville, In.
Friday, 10:30 a.m.

Music	
Invocation	Rev. Robert Hall
Music	
Address of Welcome by	Rev. A. S. Preston
Response	W. A. Fox, County Superintendent
Roll Call	
Afternoon Session at 1:30 p.m.	
Music	
Paper - "Noble County's Needs in Education	Walter Maloney
Discussion	S. E. Crawford
Paper "Politics in the School"	C. A. Hile
Discussion	Norman Lantz
Rest - Music	
Paper - "Ethical and Aesthetical Culture in School"	Mrs. Lottie Iddings
Evening - Oratorical Contest	
Saturday - 9:30 a.m. Music	
Paper "Hobbies"	L. J. McConnell
Discussion	E. L. Prickett
Address "The Race Question"	George L. Foote
Music	
Paper - "Professional Dignity of the Teacher"	W. C. Palmer
Address - "Needed School Legislation"	John Earle
Address - "The Behring Sea Arbitration"	R. J. Stewart
1:30 P.M.	
Paper "Morning Exercise Helps"	Hattie Smith
Address - "Immigration"	C. L. Baker
Business Session	

Executive Committee: Jennie Sedgwick; George P. Fleisher; E. Broughton;
William Favinger; Harriet Isabella Fox.

Burr Oak.



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GREEN TWP. 1898-1899

TRUSTEE - W. H. Favinger	Green Center	One Room SCHOOLS -
No. 1 - Nettie Shirley	Avilla	Mulberry
No. 2 - O. P. Franks	Albion	Stanley
No. 3 - Grace McGuire	Albion	Summit
No. 4 - Silas Cook	Merriam	Huckleberry
No. 5 - C. E. Thorpe	Green Center	Green Center
No. 6 - A. H. Veasey	Avilla	Cherry
No. 7 - Louisa Butz	Wawaka	Charter Oak
No. 8 - Lillie Parks	Ligonier	Sugar Grove
No. 9 - Walter Swihart	Churubusco	Green

ORANGE TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE - A W. A. Williams	Rome City	ONE ROOM SCHOOLS -
No. 1 - Mae Gallup	Wolcottville	Sonday
No. 6 - F. E. Grim	Wolcottville	Grannis
No. 7 - Osie Fletcher	Brimfield	Center Chapel
No. 8 J. E. King	Rome City	Weaver
		Fox or Cazier
		Shroyer

BRIMFIELD SCHOOLS

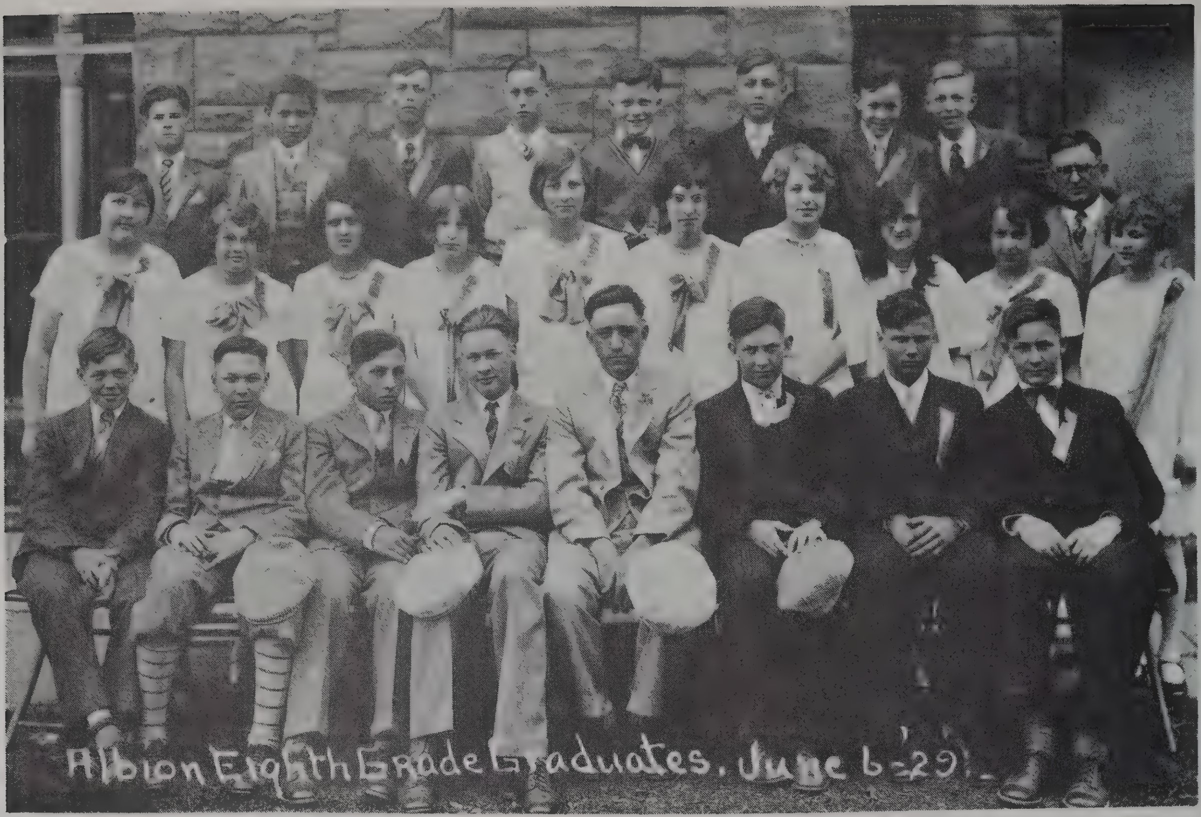
F. W. Miller, Principal	Brimfield
Mattie Bowman, Primary	Brimfield

ROME CITY Schools

Elton Broughton, Principal	Rome City
W. D. Carver, Asst. Prin.	Avilla
G. E. Milnor, First Intermediate	Rome City
Flo Bowman, Second Interm	Brimfield
Nettie Rumbaugh, Primary	Brimfield

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE - M. H. Hines	Albion	ONE ROOM SCHOOLS -
No. 1 - Elmer McDonald	Albion	Zion
No. 2 - Hattie Wykel	Ripley	Sweets
No. 3 - Vernia Fox	Brimfield	Center or Skinner Lake
No. 5 - Estella Moorhouse	Albion	Foster
No. 6 - Nettie Foster	Albion	Rehoboth
No. 7 - Morton Thomas	Albion	Hill
No. 8 - Charles Guthrie	Albion	Kline
No. 9 - Naomi Penn	Ripley	Anspaugh
No. 10 - Edwin Smith	Avilla	


Albion Eighth Grade Graduates. June 6-29.

ALBION EIGHTH GRADERS - June 1929

First Row, seated, left to right - Lionel Ravenscroft; Robert Cockley; Arthur Snapp; Rex Barnam; Fred Seymoure; Charles Hosford; Elton Weber; Bill Riddle.
Second Row: Lelah Singleton Walters; Daisy Web er Winebrenner; Donna Metz Willennar; Daphine Appleman Rodgers; Louise Kettleborough Beckley; Helen Dawson Miller; Evelyn Merriman: Hazel Bradbury; Emagene Lemmon; Helen Van Aman Harper.
Top Row: Walter Spangler; Ted Frymier; Floyd Weber; Elden Pressler; Stuart Kimmell; Vernon Baker; Frederick Wright and Graham Neidhart; Teacher - Riley Smith.

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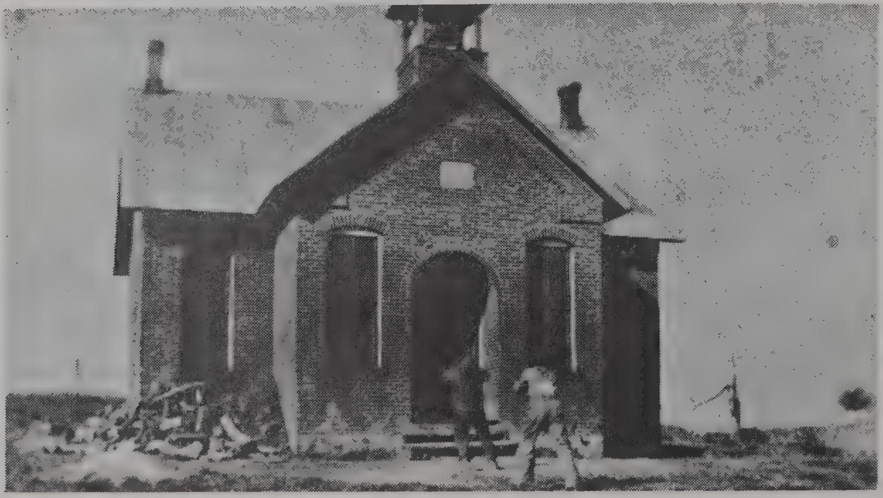


GALLOWAY SCHOOL - District 2 - built in 1894 located Section 4 - Washington Twp.

WAYNE TOWNSHIP 1898-1899

TRUSTEE - J. W. Wright	Kendallville	ONE ROOM SCHOOLS-
No. 1 - Bert Hutchins	Kendallville	Longyear
No. 2 - Jennie Muter	South Milford	Oviatt
No. 3 - Stella Roush	Kendallville	Wayne Center
No. 4 - Rae Merkling	Kendallville	Muskrat
No. 5 - Rose Sheffer	Kendallville	Maple Grove
No. 6 - Hattie Smith	Kendallville	sawyer
No. 7 - Mrs. Sabe Rogers	Kendallville	Enterprize
No. 8 - Leona Browand	Kendallville	Stanton
No. 9 - Sadie Dockendorff	Kendallville	Roberts
No. 10- F. C. Osborne	Kendallville	Kimmell
No. 11 -G. Harsh	Kendallville	
No. 12 -Fannie Ehrie	Kendallville	

ALLEN TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE - William Pieper	Avilla	ONE ROOM SCHOOLS-
No. 1 - Libbie Bortner	Avilla	Mt. Pleasant
No. 2 - Frank Hooper	Avilla	Allen Chapel
No. 4 - Harry Bodenhafer	Lisbon	Singery
No. 7 - John Stahl	Avilla	Germany
No. 9 - Ocie Pennel	Avilla	Turkey Pen
No. 12 - LeRoy Zellers	Avilla	Pieper
No. 15 - Agnes Fairbanks	Avilla	

SWAN TOWNSHIP

TRUSTEE - L. H. Moore	Swan	ONE ROOM SCHOOLS -
No. 1 - Celia Weller	Swan	Hopewell
No. 2 - R. J. Stewart	Avilla	Haag
No. 3 - R. E. Bolton	Avilla	Hooper
No. 4 - Edna Whan	LaOtto	
No. 5 - H. H. Whetzel	Avilla	
No. 8 - Ada Amos	Swan	
No. 9 - Grace Wiant	Avilla	
No. 10 - Leora Potter	Ari	
No. 11 - Leona Balliet	Swan	

SWAN SCHOOLS

M. D. Renkenberger, Principal - Avilla
Harriet Simon, Primary Swan

LAOTTO SCHOOLS

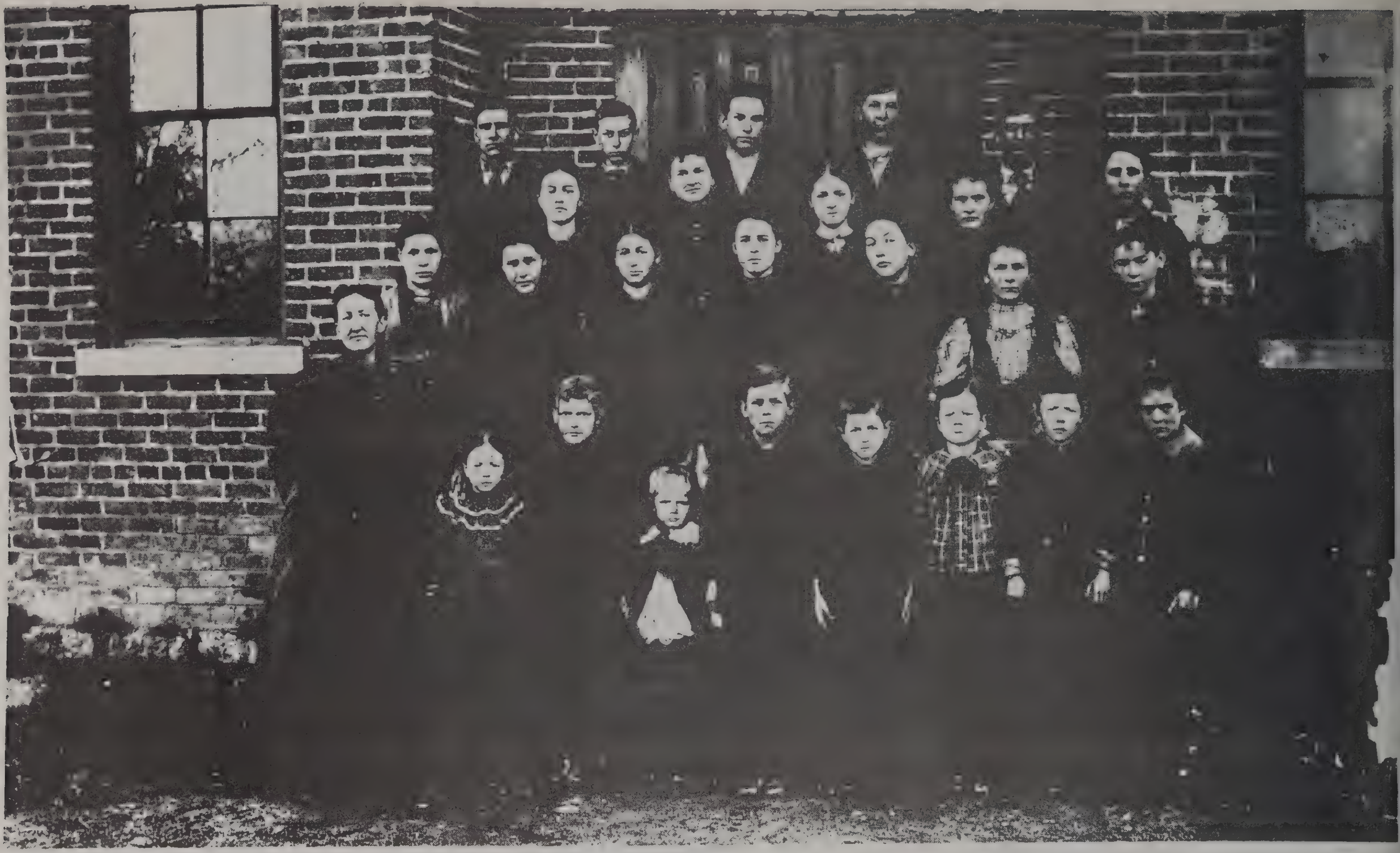
William Bolton, Principal Avilla
Nettie Broughton, Primary Swan

AVILLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board

Dr. W. M. Veasey - President
L. S. Hersh Secretary
Elmer E. Thrapp Treasurer

W. E. Harsh - - - - -Principal
F. U. Hersh-First Intermediate
Harriet Eagles-Second Intermediate
Libbie Stewart- Primary



MULLEN SCHOOL, YORK TWP. - Early 1900

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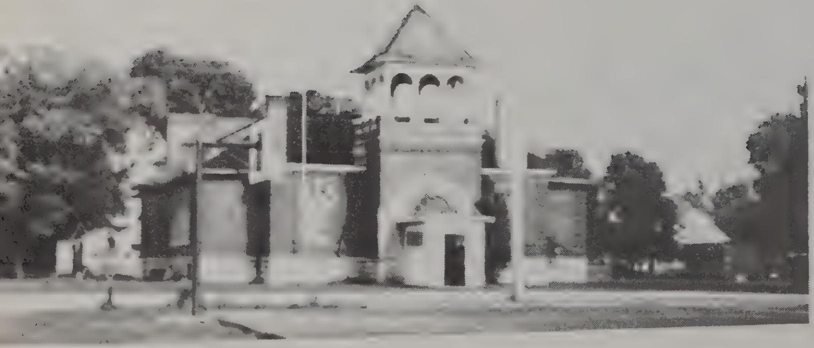

Kimmell Two-Room School Bldg.
Sparta Twp.-Kimmell
U. S. 33 and 300 N.

LIGONIER PUBLIC SCHOOLS - 1898 - 1899

-School Board -

Dr. W. H. Franks	President
Lucius McConnell	Secretary
W. W. Lyon	Treasurer

W. C. Palmer	Superintendent
Minnie Flinn	Div. A.H. S. Principal
Dorothy Poppy	Assistant Principal
Gertrude Cole	Division B Grade 8
Arthur Hogue	Division C Grade 7
J. E. Niswander	Division D Grade 6
Mabel Treash	Division E Grade 5
Jessie E. Decker	Division F - Grades 4-5
Ada Cress	Division G - Grades 4-3
Dora E. Schwab	Division H - Grade 2
Lena Wolfe	Division I - Grade 1

NORTH BUILDING

Bertha Rush	Division J - Grades 3-4
Hattie Schloss	Division K - Grades 2-1

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ALBION PUBLIC SCHOOLS 1898 - 1899

- School Board -

Elza Shafer	President
G. H. Kreigbaum	Secretary
W. F. Clapp	Treasurer

W. A. Fox	Superintendent
W. T. Knox	Principal
William Earle	A Grammar
Jennie Sedgwick	B Grammar
Nan Peterson	C Grammar
Maude Frazure	A Primary
Harriet Bidwell	B Primary
Nellie Epp	C Primary

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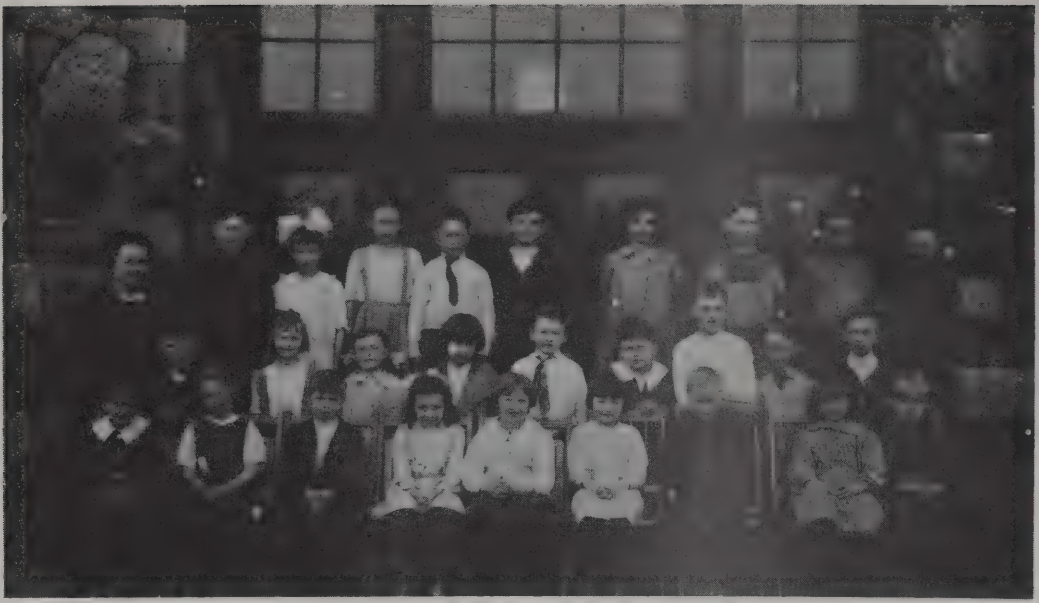
KENDALLVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS 1898 - 1899

-School Board -

D. C. Walling - President - - - D. H. Drake - - - -Secretary - -J. S. Conologue,Treas.

D. L. Lambright	Superintendent
F. A. Thomas	Principal
F. L. Crone	Asst. Principal
Edith M. Penfield	German and Singing
G. S. Herrick	Penmanship and Drawing
E. H. Jamieson	Eighth Grade
Stella M. Hague	Seventh Grade
Susie P. Wilson	Sixth Grade
Mabelle M. Neer	Fifth Grade
Alba Bales	Fourth Grade
Blanche Blackman	Third Grade
Ruth Conologue	Second Grade
Nettie M. Waite	First Grade A
Mrs. Jennie H. Goodwin	First Grade - B



ROME CITY SCHOOL - First and Second Grades - 1915 - 1916
Fannie C. Ihrie, Teacher

First Row - seated l to r: Leslie Sturgis; Audrey Bloom; Paul Moore; Alice Wilson; Nellie Jones; Mildred Moore; Norbert Donat; ____; Noreen Baughman; SECOND ROW - Edward Tipton; Corrine Deardorff; Mildred Pearson; Eleanor Brayton; Paul Schermerhorn; Lloyd Sturgis; Everett Brayton; Bruce Needham; Henry Murdock; Zelma Zimmerman; THIRD ROW - Back - Glen Lamp; Evelyn Burkett; Lorena Donat; Clifford Milnor; Herbert Tipton; Clarice Nichols; Ruth Sampsel; Gerald Knight; Victor Myers.

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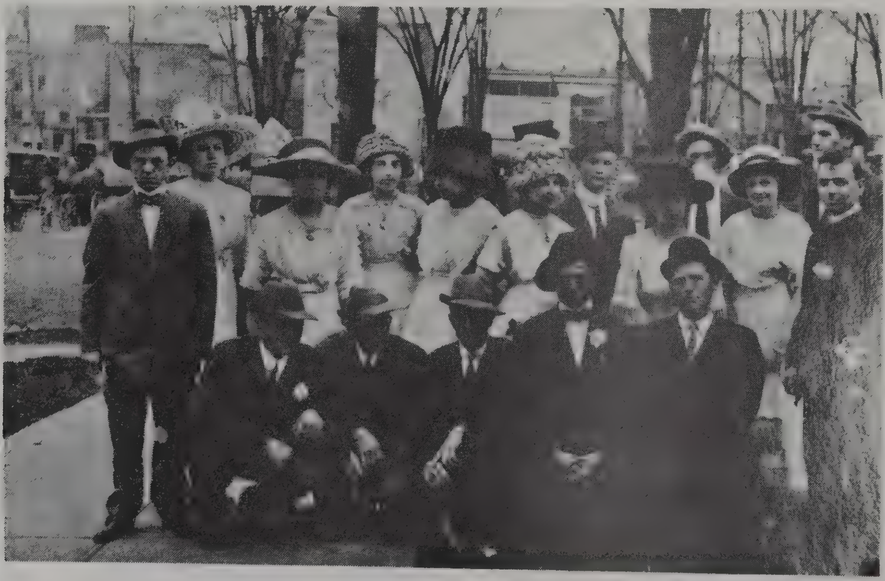

WOLF LAKE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS at Ligonier in 1912

NOBLE COUNTY TEACHERS - FALL OF 1889

Nellie Epp	Albion
Kate Umbenhour	Cromwell
Nannie Peterson	Kendallville
Mabel Eels	Albion
Emma L. Weingart	Kendallville
Jessie Hines	Wilmot
G. W. Harsh	Ligonier
Sadie Sniff	Kendallville
Helen Cunningham	Ligonier
Jesse Decker	Ligonier
Walter Kiser	Cromwell
Glenn Inks	Wolf Lake
J. W. Chesrown	Kendallville
M. A. Whonsettler	Swan
J. C. Bailey	Wolf Lake
Della Campbell	kimmell
Annie Cramer	Brimfield
Alice Eagles	Cromwell
Addie Osburn	Brimfield
Jennie Rumbaugh	Kendallville
Rosa Snyder	Green Center
Rosa Leitch	Green Center
Nettie Rumbaugh	Brimfield
M. F. Wildman	Kendallville
Lena B. McCray	Kendallville
Mary Schmuck	Kendallville
Della Robbins	Cromwell
Adam Ebey	Wawaka
J. C. Cain	Kendallville
Carrie Gnaga	Merriam
Mary L. Cass	Ligonier
L. O. Ebey	Wawaka
Samuel Huber	Wawaka
Silva Shaefer	Wolcottville
Setta Hovarter	Kendallville
L. E. Rupert	Avilla
Charles Johnson	Wilmot
Mary Green	Albion
J. E. King	Rome City
Della Swank	Green Center
Lottie E. Daniels	Kendallville
Hannah Ebey	Wawaka
Vada Cole	Ligonier
Frank Black	Hawpatch
Nannie Seagley	Wolcottville
B. F. Neufer	Wawaka
Gertie Cole	Ligonier
Raymer Swank	Wawaka
Eva Airgood	Cromwell
Ida Butz	Wawaka
S. E. Crawford	Avilla
Minnie Fry	Brimfield
Rena Lane	Ligonier
C. E. Amos	Swan
Stella Roush	Kendallville
Rose M. Cransten	Kendallville
Minnie Bennett	Kendallville
F. J. Darrow	Kendallville
Edith Harker	Kendallville
Emma Waites	Kendallville
Ella Noe	Kimmell
J. W. Stoner	Wilmot
Milo Faux	Brimfield
Oren Novel	Rome City
George Lovett	Wolcottville
Marion Rarich	Ligonier
L. E. Arthur	Green Center
Louisa Clarke	Wolf Lake
Ada Cress	Wolf Lake
A. F. Williams	Wolf Lake
Alpha Allen	Wolf Lake
J. N. Mock	Brimfield
Maud Brown	LaOtto
Birdie Simon	Swan
Flora L. Yarian	Swan
Libbie Smith	Wolcottville
Frank Black	Hawpatch
A. C. Disler	Ari
Bertha Robbins	Cromwell
Sarah Swett	Albion
Edna Hays	Albion
Stella Norris	Albion
David Taylor	Albion
Emma Clarke	Wolf Lake
C. E. Thorp	Albion
W. T. Mayhood	Brimfield
Amanda Thomas	Albion
Hattie Pollock	Cromwell
C. T. Ray	Wolf Lake
Florence Brown	Albion
Perry A. Dull	Albion
C. M. Bosler	Ari
H. E. Secor	Avilla
J. E. Wilkinson	Ege
F. S. Weber	Kendallville
Cora Marshall	Wawaka

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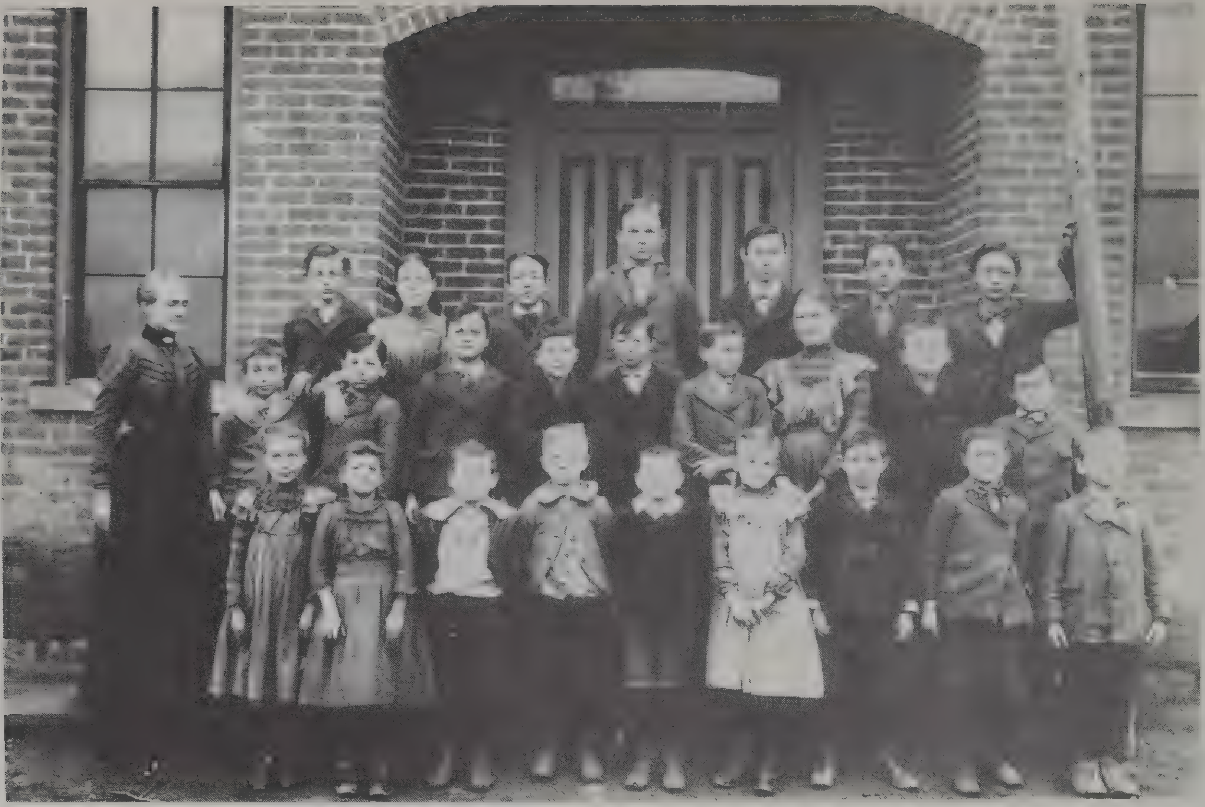

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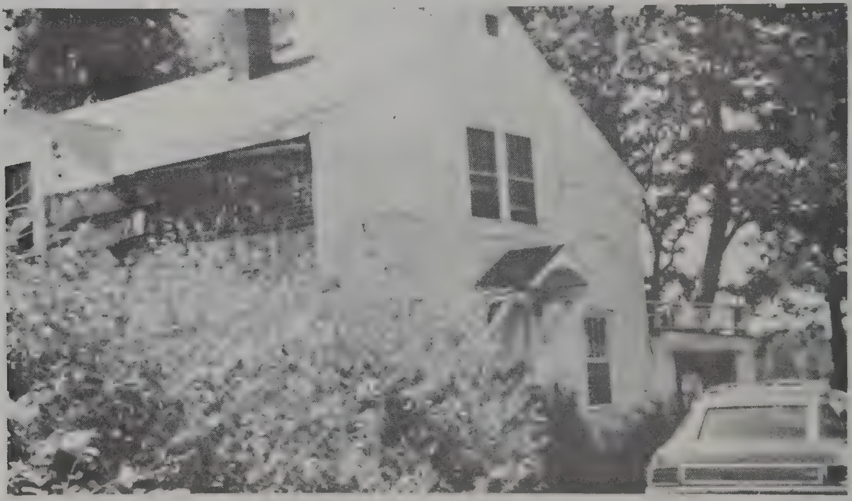
Wayne Twp. -Road 6 W.
Near Baker's Market



WASHINGTON CENTER School CONSOLIDATED
Washington Township, Noble County, Ind.
T. C. Holcomb,Principal

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES

1947

aul Braden; Phyllis Campbell; Helen Cunningham; Charles Grimm; Joy Stump; Norma eimer; Woodward Weade and David Wiley.

1948

ohn Clingerman; Lynn Goodrich; Calvin Knapp; Joan Kunce; Bessie Murphy.

1949

ames Beezley; Herbert Lee Byer, Jr.; John Hiner; Phil Lemon; James Marchand; orena Marchand; Roy Dean Murphy; Robert Scott; Warren Sloan; Billy Stump and Lois Walters.

1950

ancy Fetters; Roger Fetters; Dawn Hickman; Eddie Pollock; Hal Stump; John Weimer; nd Mary Knott.

1951

anice Beezley; Joan DeBolt; Rex Denney; Paul Grim; Lola Ann Hickman and Anna May Murphy.

1952

hilip Bair; Judy Beezley; Roger Engle; Thames Hickman; Karen Sherwin and Arnold Weiker.

1953

arlene Beard; Sandra Denney; Mary Ella Earnhart; Janet Kiester; Larry Rensberger; nd Mary Ann Pollock.

1954

renda Kay Gaerte; Eloise Grimes; Mary Lou Hickman; George Marchand; Rosellyn Murphy; ecky Pollock; Sharlene Rider; and Norman Stump.

1955

oss Allen Grimes; Martha Heddington; Claire Hontz; Nora Marchand; Barbara Murphy; ixie Scott; Gene Sherwin; Steven Tracey.

1956

en Coverstone; Mary Ann Grimm; Bill Guyas; Carolyn Hickman; Jerry Hill; Danny vangnilio; Eddie Kuhn; Judy Kiester; Jonny Sroufe; Eugene Grimes.

his Was a four room four-teacher school.

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TO HEAD NOBLE COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR FIFTH YEAR

lbion, Indiana June 7, 1917 - Guy R. Hall, for the past four years Superintendent f Noble County Schools and former Supt. of the Wawaka Schools, was re-elected t the monthly meeting of the Township Trustees held here yesterday.

uring his incumbency, Mr. Hall has proven a most efficient school head, and through is untiring efforts he has developed a high state of efficiency in the Noble County chools.
upt. Hall was re-elected over three other candidates including W. E. Harsh; Brownell anGorder and C. V. Kilgore, former County Superintendent.
rs. Green was elected County Probation officer over two other candidates and will ucceed W. H. Bowen.

SUPERINTENDENT W. B. Van Gorder
1885

The Board of Education of Noble County, consisting of the trustees of the different townships met as the law prescribes on Monday at Albion to elect a County Superintendent of Schools. The candidates for the position were W. P. Denny, who has filled the place for the last two years, Nelson Prentiss; Prof. Van Gorder; Rev. O. Q. Oviatt; Charles F. Neufer; The board was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and Trustee Johnson, of this township, made chairman and J. W. Smith, Deputy Auditor, clerk of the Board. The balloting commenced immediately and continued almost uninterrupted until nearly 6:00 p.m. and resulted in the election of Prof. VanGorder on the eighty-seventh ballot. The last ballot standing Van Gorder, seven votes; Denny, three votes; Oviatt, 3 votes. Mr. Prentiss withdrew at about the 50th Ballot. On one or two ballots he received six votes, lacking only one of being elected.

The contest allthrough was an animated and determined one, but one in which there was no bitterness, and not an unkind or harsh word was spoken, and the final result was gracefully accepted by all the candidates and their friends.

-An Albion paper of 1885-

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WAYNE CENTER SCHOOL - Kendallville, In.
1927 - 1928

-FACULTY-

Thurlo C. Holcomb - 7th and 8th grades; Joseph N. Adair; - 6th and 5A;grades.
Helen Pfafman 4th and 5B grades; Virginia Franks - 3d and 2A grades.
Talitha Bowan 1st and 2B Grades; Evelny Bowman - Music-
C. V. Kilgore - County Superintendent
O. F. Riddle - Trustee
Anna K. Prickett - Truant Officer

-PUPILS-

-FIRST GRADE-

Freida Kreischer; Robert Zimmerman; Esther Hartman; Raymond Richards; Ralph Hasselman Mary Ananias; Robert MCClughen; Fred Steinbarger; Beatrice Bahls; Lucile Psaras; Lucile Gillespie; Gladys Zinn; Lewis Kline; Avis Brown; Raymond Eiseman; Robert Tyler; Floyd Randol; Emory Likes; Bennice Boszor; Robert Young; Orvil Acker; Leo Blowers; Ruth Fish; Raymond Kline.

SECOND GRADE

Arnold Tyler; Helen Huff; Virginia Jordan; Evelyn Foster; Margaret Bahls; Betty Sollenberger; Dale Rynearson; Lawrence Wible; June Hill; John Oberlin; Arthur Hampshire; Arthur Gillespie; Evelyn Reid; Roberta Young; Ruth Acker; Sheldon Richards; Virgil Hill; Leland DeKay; Charles Longyear; Charles Smith and Ruth Ramsey.

THIRD GRADE

Don Hill; Konstantina Ananias; Lawrence Wilson; Howard Kurtz; Mary Ellen Hinkley; Hilda Smith; Maxine Frederick; Hazel Kreischer; Eunice Smith.

FOURTH GRADE

Rolene Blanchard; Beatrice Bleck; Marceille Brown; Betty Cook; Katharine DeKay; Geraldine Gillespie; Carlos Gaff; Howard Gindlesparger; Richard Haviland; Howard Hasselman; Helen Hinkley; Theron Kurtz; Harold Leighty; Albert Richards Norman Rottmiller; Homer Reid; Hazel Randol; Harold Strater; Carl Uhl; Margaret Streich; Leslie Weed; Ferne Wible and Nary Huff.

FIFTH GRADE

Virginia Uhl; Luella Hinkley; Marie Kennell; Georgia Carper; Ellen Longyear; Wilma Smith; Anna Nettie Merkling; Mary Wolfe; Leona Bucher; Katherine Smith; Willamina Kurtz; Dean Trindle; George Varner; Elmer Smith; Glenn Nichols; Ruth Zinn; Tommy Renkenberger. Falconer Bergstrom; Roy Acher; Earl Gaff; Arline Fredericks; Clayton Hart; Mary Jane Likes; Otis McInturf, Vivian Haviland; Elmer Strater; Herbert Wilson and Paul Streich.

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LAST CLASS GRADUATED FROM WOLF LAKE - 1968

Ruth Buckles; Sam Buckles; Sharon Bushong; Beverly Beyer; Gary Carlisle; Dave Childers; John Coverstone; Roger Coverstone; James Dazey; Bill Diskson;Michael Dunfee; Steve Gaerte; Tim Gaff; Cindy Wearer; Jennie Gray; Brenda Hambleton; Craig Hartman; Cynthia Huntsman; Jo Ellen J Hurley; Phyllis Judd; Larry Kilgore; Lewis Kilgore; Marsha Kistler; Karen Swartz; Norman Leitch; Steve Leitch; Steve Mangan;Paul Miklosko; Ruth Murphey; Michael Nei; Bob Oliver; Betty Ott; Steve Parkeson; Steve Parrot; Becky Prickett; Nick Rehling; Tom Scott; Dan Weeks; John Weigold; Barbara Wheeler; Nick Winebrenner; Susan Wrisk; and Bob Wysong.

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PUPILS AND TEACHERS OF OLD BURR OAK SCHOOL HOLD REUNION - 1935

Albion, Indiana Sept. 16, 1935 - A reunion of former pupils and their teachers of the Burr Oak School was held Sunday at the home of Mrs. George Kitt, 83, who taught the Burr Oak School sixty years ago. Mrs. Kitt resides south of Merriam.

Former Pupils who were present included Mrs. F. L. Gandy, 67; Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel, both 70; Amos Kepford, 72; Mand7 Kepford, 65; Cornelius Ott, 85; Samuel E. Addis, 77; Edward Pippenger, 66; Abe Ott, 78; Alice Riddle, 70; Eliza Skinner, 72; Rebecca Resler, 74; Rufus Kinney, 67; May Kitt, 67; Ida Kitt, 64.

The oldest person present was Mrs. Mary Coulter, 88 of Churubusco a sister of Mrs. Kitt and who also taught school for a number of years in Noble County.

Besides the pioneer pupils of the school there were also present Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gandy; Albert Addis and family; Mr. and Mrs. William Barber ; Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkerson and daughter, Gloria and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geisler of Ft. Wayne-

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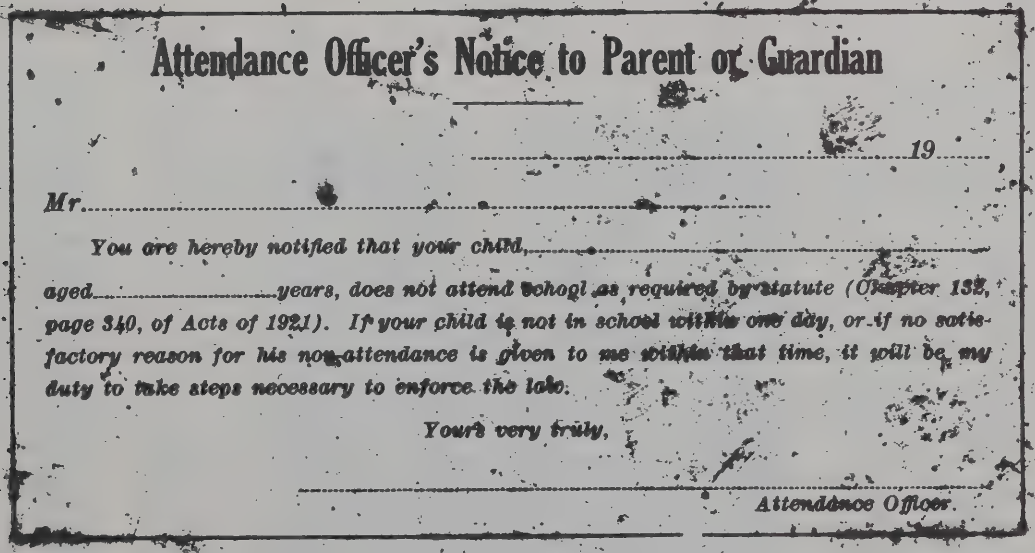


Attendance Officer's Notice to Parent or Guardian

....19..........

Mr...

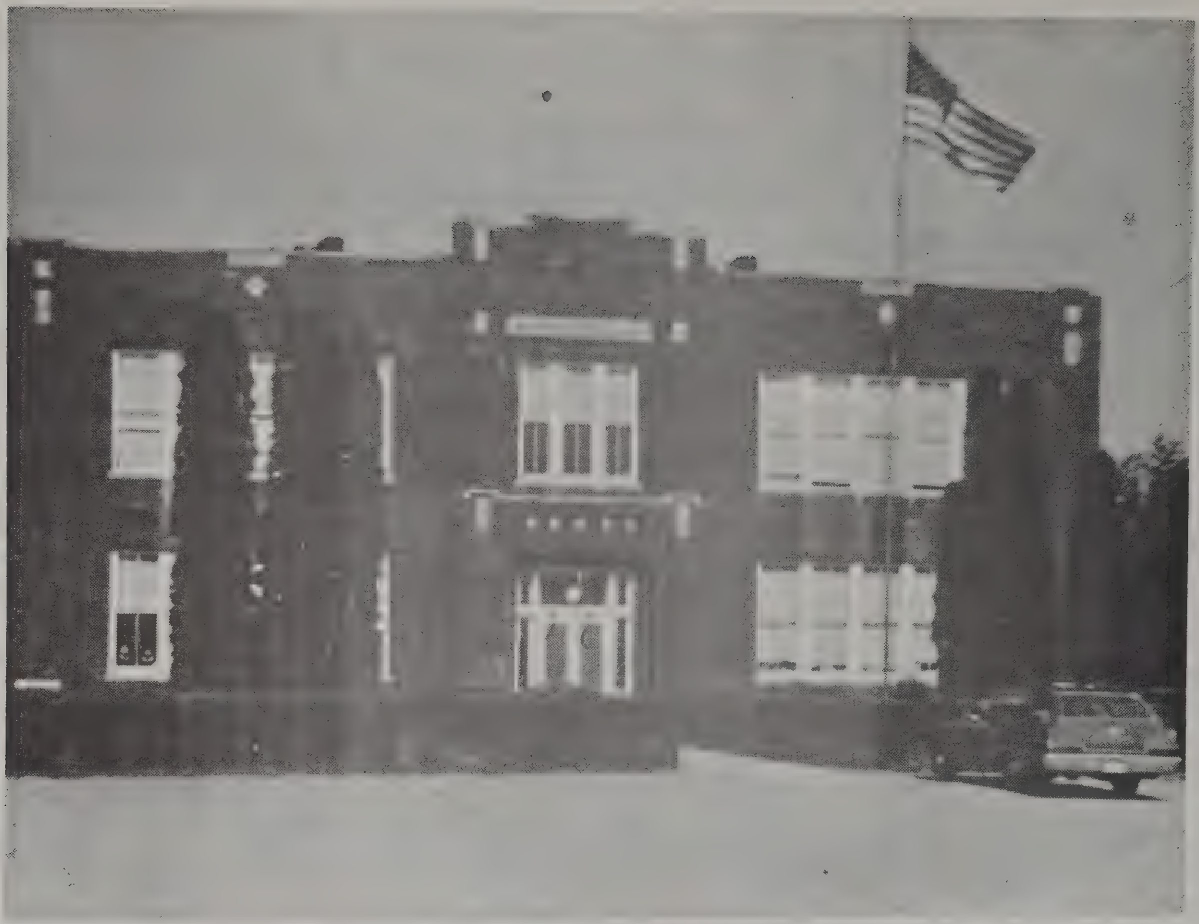
You are hereby notified that your child,..

aged..............................*years, does not attend school as required by statute (Chapter 132, page 340, of Acts of 1921). If your child is not in school within one day, or if no satisfactory reason for his non-attendance is given to me within that time, it will be my duty to take steps necessary to enforce the law.*

Yours very truly,

....

Attendance Officer.



WASHINGTON CENTER SCHOOL

WAShing-   WASHINGTON CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
located S.E. corner SE¼ Section 9 1925 -1967
Eight grades were consolidated into four rooms - Now encompassed in West Noble School Corporation - since 1970 -

Home economics class in 1916

The Wolf Lake High School home economics class posed in 1916 with the teacher, Ruth Foster, rear. In the back row were Hilda Williams, Eulah Fair, Vera Erdley, Myrtle Boner, Alice Shew, Gladys Stewart, Evelyn Baughman and Jessie Holcomb. In the front row were Lena Smith, Clara Williams, Barbra Gray and Clara Frick.

CONTINUED - WAYNE CENTER STUDENTS - 1927-1928 from page 49-

SIXTH GRADE

Rosellyn Sollenberger; Mary Delgith; Swogger; Phyllis Renkenberger; Robert Ritchart; John Riddle; Louise Richards; Vera Marie Kurtz; Harold Hill; Madeline Bleck Paul Sawyer; Cecil Feller; Evelyn Kurtz; Arcille Smith; Walter Nesbitt; Donald Gillespie; Viola DeKay; Delbert Haviland; Lucile Hasselman; Ermin Acker; Goldie Gillespie; Alvie Grean; Wilma Blowers and Doyle Devoe.

SEVENTH GRADE

Gilbert Baumle; Leo Brown; Deloris Henkley; Perry Gaff; Josephine Likes; Ralph Likes; John Elmer Longyear; Harlan Shumaker; Robert Oberlin; Opal Ramsey; Ursal Smith; Edward Striech; Hollie Strater; Mildred Uhl; Cedric Strater; Arthur Hasselman; Cleo Zinn; Ralph Weed; Mardell Jarrett; Lauren Smith.

EIGHTH GRADE

Hazel Acker; Marguerite Cook; Teresa Dicken; Emory Feller; Ruth Hill Levon Henney; Fred Henney; Harold Kammerer; Leona Shuman; Bernard Renier; Lee Sawyer; Edna Shari; Henry Trindle; Edna Rodgers; Kathleen Emerick and Leroy McCormick.

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GOOD ATTENDANCE AT RURAL SCHOOLS - 1910

The first week of school in the rual district closed Friday evening and so far everything is moving along very smoothly. According to trustee J. W. Shaffer of Wayne Township there are about 140 pupils attending school in the township at the seven various schols and the largest enrollment is at the Stony Ridge school with twenty two students. - 1910

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SCHOOL BOOK OF 1838 VINTAGE

P. A. Waldron Brings Relic to News Sun used in neary-by village in 1840.

One of the most interesting old time school books seen in many a day was brought to the News Sun office this morning by P. A. Waldron. It was an Rlrvtic 4th Reader. Printed in 1838 and on the fly leaf it said "containing extracts in prose and poetry from the best American and English Writers."

" The interesting part about the book is that it was actually used in a school in 1840, which was erected in 1839., in a village which was on land now a part of Kendallville. Mr. Waldron spme years later attended this same school. Mr. Waldron knows the name of the village, but wonders if there are any others here who can give its name. He dotbts if many can recall it.

New-Sun - 1925

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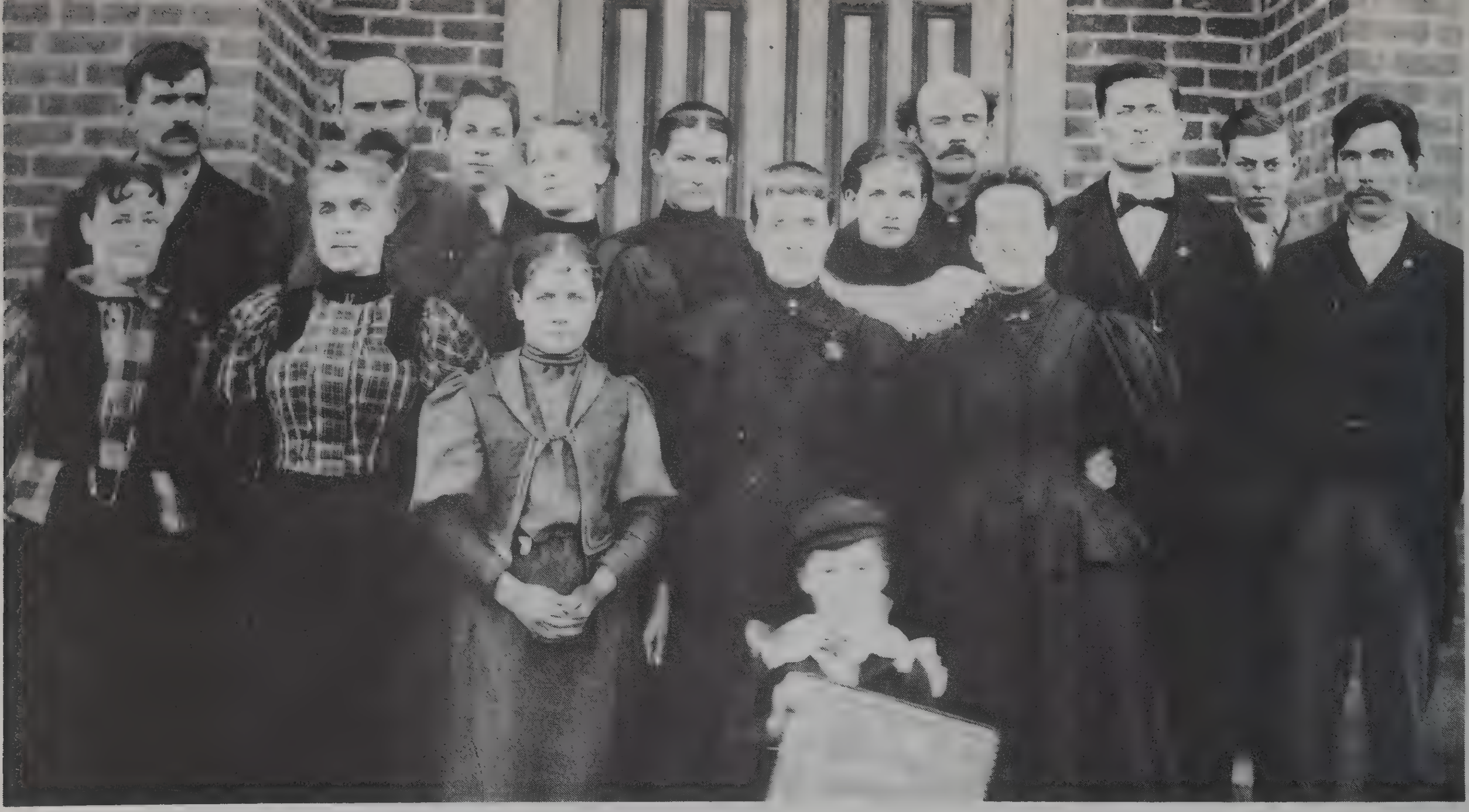
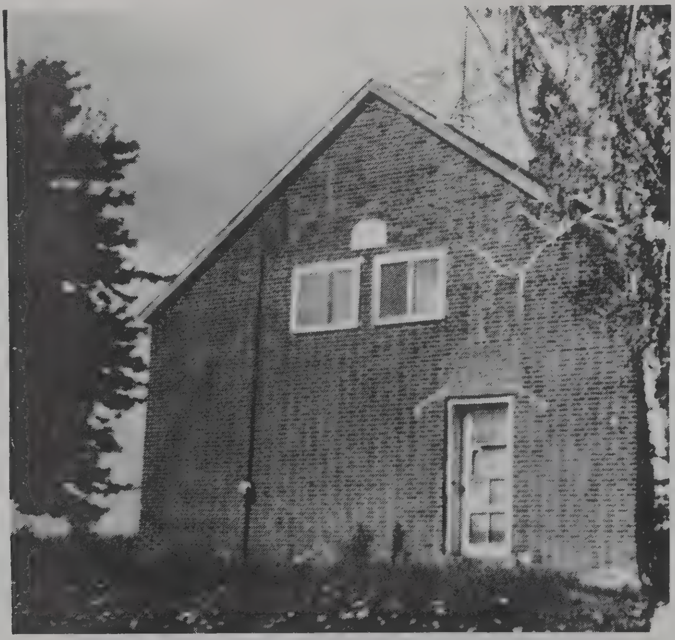
"Joke"

A teacher asked her class to same some of the benefits of the automotive age. One boy remarked; "Well, it stopped horse stealing."



MULLIN SCHOOL on CR 100 N. York Township - about 1896 at A Teacher Institute

Front Row left to right - Lida Russel; Kate Earnhart; Maude Fuller; Louise Clark; Lilly Kilgore; and Thad Clark; (Child in front unknown).
Back Row- George Smith Hirman Earnhart; Charles Dawson; Ola Earnhart; Mary Black Dawson; Gertrude Fuller Grimes; Nathan Hathaway; Riley Smith; Orva Russel and George Loomis Foote.
Photo Courtesy of Helen Dawson Miller



CAN YOU LOCATE THIS ONE?

HISTORY OF WOLF LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

It is probable that the embryo of the Wolf Lake school was the summer school first held by Mr. Hartsock as the result of a number of enthusiasts who sought higher education.

The first three year High school course opened in 1896 in the 1882 building. The first principal, Mr. Edward Prickett was the entire faculty for the first sixteen years. Among the outstanding graduates under Mr. Prickett was Albert Stump, of Washington Twp, an Indianapolis attorney, a top ranking orator and twice a candidate from Indiana for a seat in the U. S. Senate.

The more recent years E. Ross Adair, native of Albion and former Wolf Lake High School teacher after practicing law in Ft. Wayne for a number of years he was elected to serve years in the U. S. House of Representatives from the fourth District of Indiana. He also served years as U. S. Ambassador to Africa.

In January 1909 Mr. Prickett entered upon his duties as Clerk (or treasurer) of the Noble County Court. He later taught at the Albion High School for several years.

A four-year high school course was inaugurated in 1908 with Mr. S. H. Welty Principal, assisted by Mr. C. V. Kilgore of Washington Twp. who later became Supt. of the Noble County Schools.

OTHER PRINCIPALS

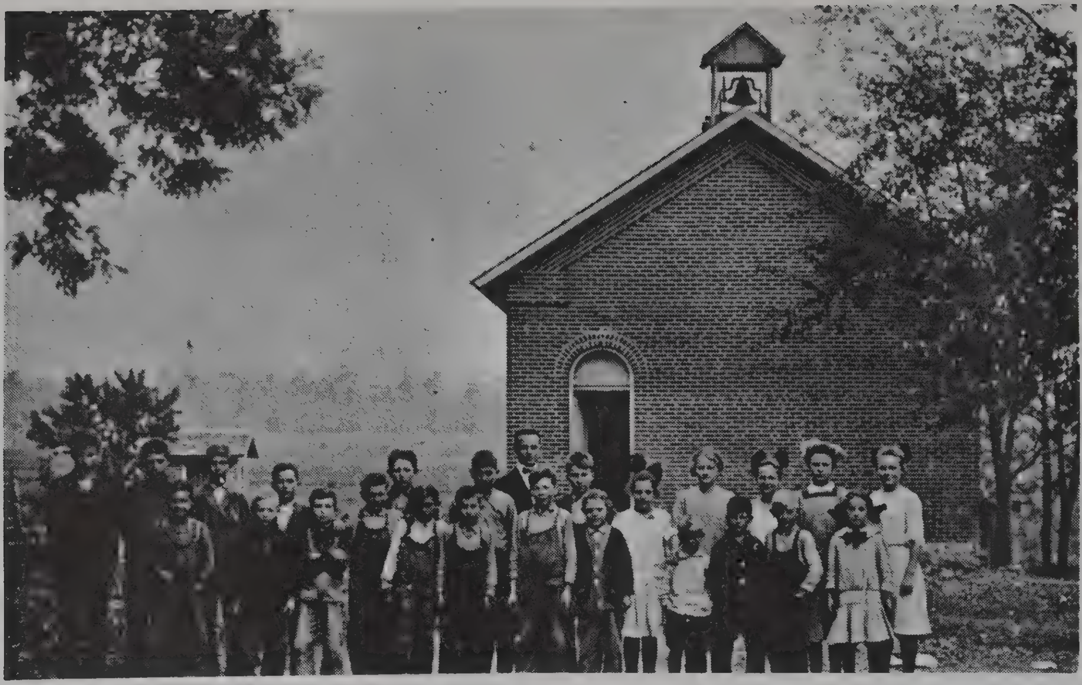
1910-1912 - Maynard Buckles (class of 1903)
1912 - 1915 - Ralph Denny
1915 - 1918 - A. J. Eby
1918 - 1920 - Ralph Denny
1920 - 1921 - William H. Herr
1921 - 1922 - Mrs. W. B. VanGorder
1922-1923 - Ray Lantz
1923 - 1924 - W.R.Harsh(deceased0
Mr. Harmon completed his term.
1924-1927 - Mrs. W. B. VanGorder
1927 - 1935 - Virgil Clingerman
1935 - 1937 - Wayne Hughes
1937 - 1940 - Joseph Adair-later Co. Supt. schools-class of 1924
1941 - 1943 - Ralph Stanley (had been Co. Sup
1943 - 1945 - Heber Winebrenner -class of 1924
1945 - 1949 - Lloyd Austil
1949 - 1951 - Keith Carper
1951 - 1955 - Earl Shouse -
1955 - 1958 - Robert Glenn
1958 - 1960 - Ralph Kelly
1960 - 1963 - Charles Bassett
1963 - 1965 - Harold Seymoure
1965 - 1967 - Don Weeks
1967 - 1968 - Leslie Pence

THE HIGH SCHOOL WAS THEN DISCONTINUED

Basketball had a very crude beginning in W. L. H. S. There being no gym available previous to the 1914-1915 bldg. which replaced the 1882 one. Most practicing was on the dirt school ground.

Contests with visiting teams were conducted in the town hall which stood next to the Carson store and burned in one of the three disastrous fires in Wolf Lake. The space was small, but the games were spirited, fast, enthusiastic and entertaining. In the early years of the game, the team was frequently transported to competitors school in a model T Ford. Since cars were not so plentiful in those days, the entire team crowded into the 'tin Lizzie." Mud and snow presented no serious problem. When they got stuck, and they often did, the boys would scramble out, lift the light car out of its predicament, hurry back into the "bus" and soon be on their way again.

The town hall was also used monthly during the term, by the literary society, which was sponsored by the school and community for a "jitney" (5cents) one could hear the best local talent presented in music, verse and debate. These meetings were well attended.



LITTLE LAKE SCHOOL - on Abe Ott Farm north of Crane Lake -
Pupils pictured - Max Gandy; Domer Long; Wilmer Rarick; Daniel Fruchey; Harlan Ott; Perry Harter; Carter Richmond, Teacher; Garrett Fruchey; Hazel Long; Florence Lock; Vesta Stuckman; Martha Long and Elva Stuckman. Jesse Harter; Guy Stuckman; Bernie Huffman; Herman Harter; Basil Harter; Benton Fruchey; Ford Butler; Orval Long; Lesco Rarick; Gilbert Rarick; Ralph Fry and Leah Huffman.

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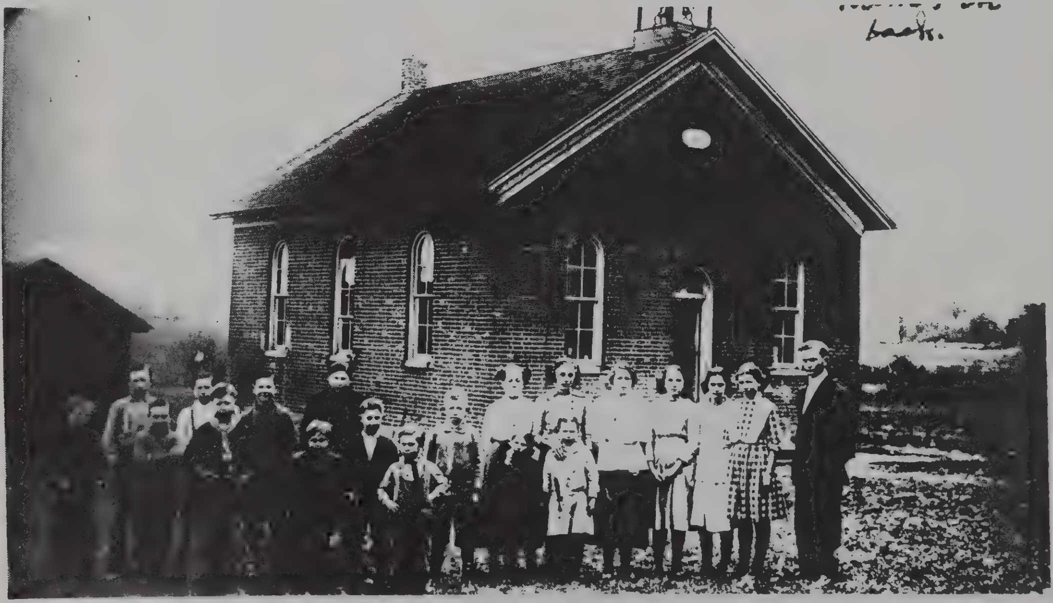

SINGREY SCHOOL, Allen Township, Dist. No. 9
Nov. 7, 1913 - Teacher T. C. Holcomb

Left to Right: Lawrence Uhl; Leslie Sylvester; Don Bair; Riley Wheeler; Roy Hossinger; Earl Bair; Harold Uhl; Ralph Hossinger; Iden Halferty; Wilbur Fryer; Eddie Sylvester; Isabelle Halferty; Myrtle Gregory; Gladys Hossinger; Edna Sylvester; Carrie Wheeler; Ila Hossinger; Garnet Yeiser; Edna Sylvester;

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A Lyceum course of several programs during the year, was also supported by the school and community in the town hall. These programs were clean, wholesome, educational, entertaining and played to packed houses.

For many years graduation exercises were also held in the hall. Classes often put on plays at home and at near-by schools, such as Cromwell, Wawaka and Rome City.

The school grew, through the years, from the three year seven month term, with one teacher and 35 or fewer students, to the final four-year=nine-months term with many times the orig-inal number of students and faculty members.

Many present-day principals receive more salary for one week than Mr. Prickett received for an entire term.

In the fall of 1914, before the school building was quite completed, school was held in various locations, including the rooms above the Dan Starkey hardware building since burned and rebuilt-

The gymnasium was completed in 1924 and burned in 1955. The agriculture building was added to the 1914 building in 1924. The present new gymnasium and class rooms was built in 1957 and

In those years of bad roads and few cars, many country students drove a horse and buggy. The Galloway, Sweeney and Buckles barns near the school, had a large horse population during the school day. A number of other students boarded with Wolf Lake families or rented rooms and did light house-keeping from Monday until Friday afternoon. Hot lunches were not officially adopted until the mid 1940's.

Scores of efficient teachers are proud of their high school diplomas earned at Wolf Lake High School. Many returned to teach in their Alma Mater. Amont them is Miss Blanche Erdly (class of 1906) who taught two terms in Washington Twp and forty-three in Noble Township including forty two as primary isntructor at Wolf Lake.

Another with an enviable record is Mrs. Elta (Resler) Swihart who taught 46 terms, all in Noble Township, including 34 in Wolf Lake Grades. Few of our members can recall both the official Alfa and Omega of our institution. While Wolf Lake is no longer permitted to graduate high school students we can point with pride to hundreds who possess the school's diplomas and are now serving in nearly all of the honorable professions, trades and services in most of our states and some foreign countries.

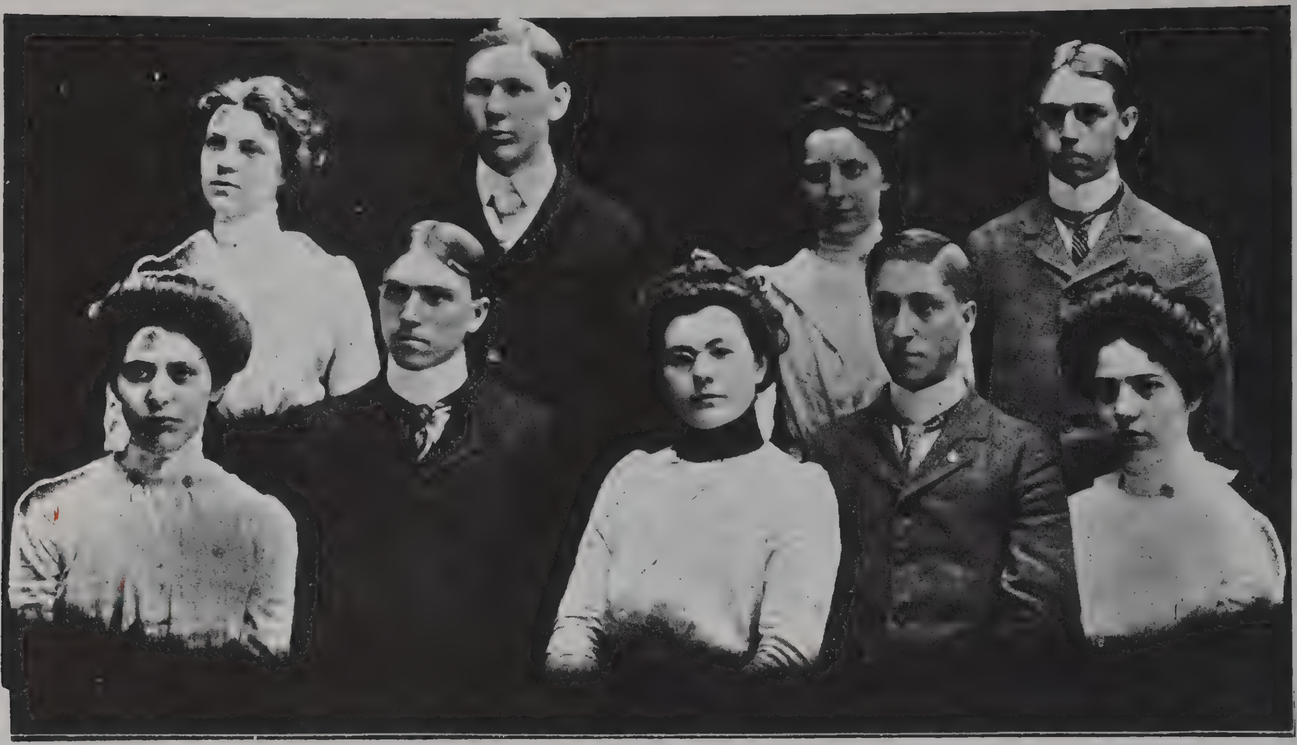
Farewell to Wolf Lake High School! May the influence and memories of our Alma Mater continue through generations to come.

Thurlo C. Holcomb - graduate

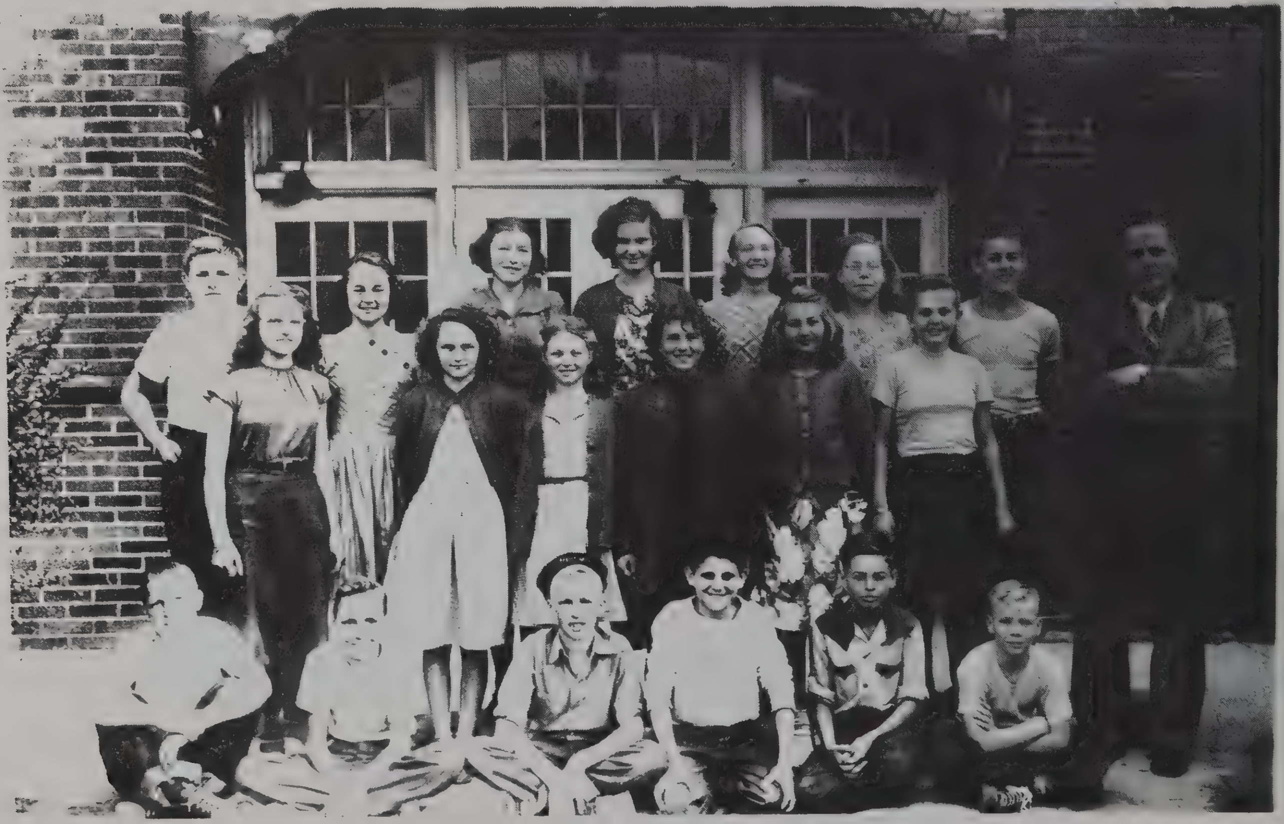
THE FIRST FIVE CLASSES OF WOLF LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1800 - Mrs. Ora (Seymoure) Roush; Arthur Kimmell;
Class of 1900 - Mrs. Zoe (Redenbow) Miller; John Young and Mrs. Zora (Williams) Fry.
Class of 1901 - Carlton Surfus; Treadie (Basse) Russell; Jett (Wiley) Clark; Charles Ott; Oscar Lindsey; Orva Russell; Maude (Fuller) Buckles.
Class of 1902 - Nonah (Ziegler)Kimmell; Leona (Kitt) Barber; Dell(Wiley) Benfer; Lee Kiester; Ray Reed and Odley Cole.
Class of 1903 - Charlotte(Kiester)Surfus; Lucile(Foster)Woodward; Flossie(Myers)Nobles; Mae(Randall)Ward; Lena (Brickel) Culler; Maynard Buckles; Carl Kilgore.

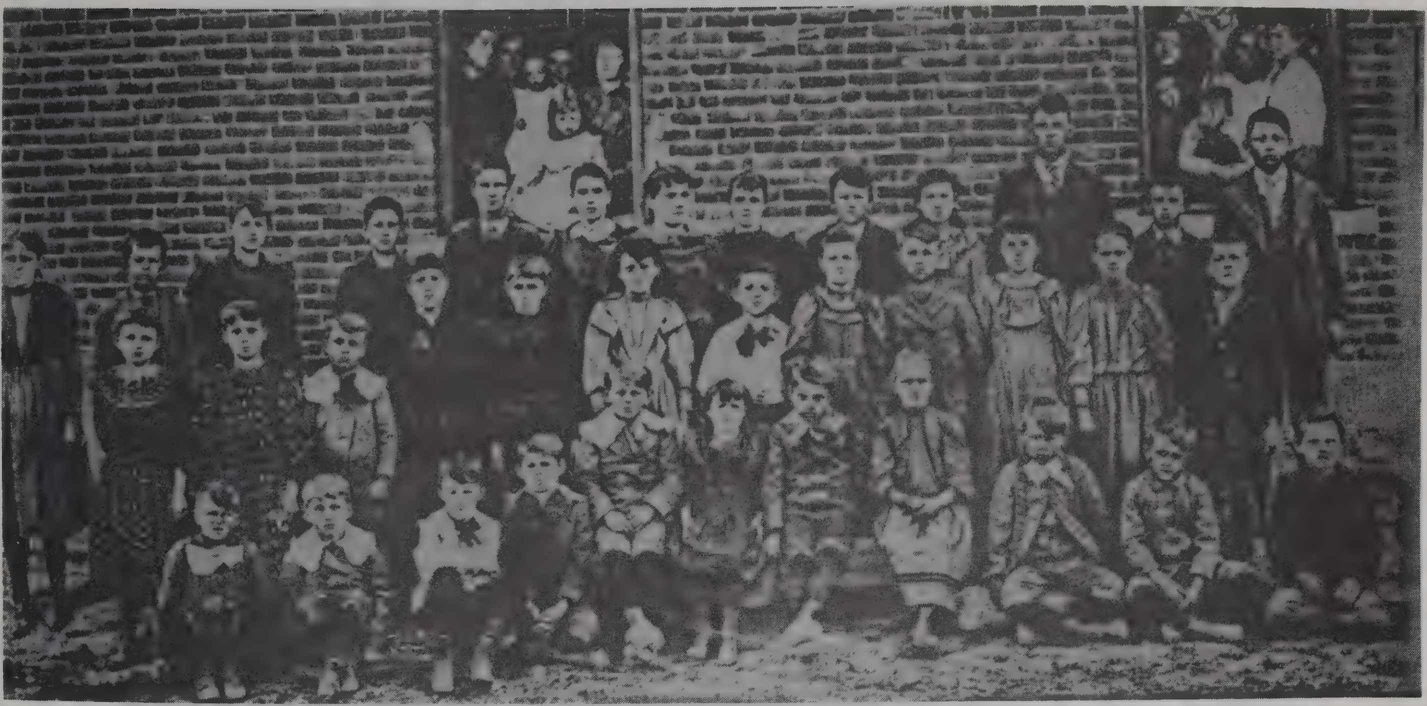
CLASS OF 1901—ALBION HIGH SCHOOL



CLARA STANLEY CARNA VORIS JOSEPHINE MILLER EDWIN K. BELT
MAMIE COCKLEY GEORGE T. GRAVES CORA E. YODER OTIS B. NELSON EDNA E. STANLEY



York Center Elementary School-1948-49
Dale Guthrie-Teacher - Eighth Grade
Photo Courtesy Mabel Guthrie



STRINGTOWN SCHOOL PICTURE - Washington Twp. 100 S at 700 W
Taken early in the 1890's

rt Earl - Teacher
rtial identification of students - Maynard Buckles, is the small boy, white shirt, ack tie in the middle of second row. He was Wolf Lake H.S. Principal for several years Buckles girl is at Maynard's left. Carlos Buckles, Maynard's Brother, small boy in back w between two larger boys. Their sister Mabel is at far right, middle row. bert Stump, twice candidate for the U. S. Senate, is second from left side, first row. lter Stump, Brother of Albert on Albert's left, judge in DeKalb County many years. ext to Walter is Kitty Reed. Ray Reed is next to last in top row. Bert Buckles is e small boy, third from right, second row; his brother Fay is in front of him in the ont row they are dressed alike. On Fay's left (last in the front row) is Charles Stump. ester Wiley, black tie, third from right end of first row. Vernie Buckles, is second om left in second row. Tony Buckles, fifth from right end, top row in front of window. race Slabaugh is third from the teacher in top row and Lillie Kilgore is last in top row. y Reed is next and Cecil Kilgore, Noble County Supt. of schools for several years, is urth from right in top row Vernie Reed is second from right, second row. ttie Kiester Surfus is second from right in second row.

Picture, Courtesy Betty (Buckles) Caplen.
Doris (Wiley) Parker helped identify

Box Supper

The Box Supper at the Rice school house in Elkhart township which was postponed, will be held Friday evening, November 15. All invited. Ina Squier, Teacher, 1907

SUGAR GROVE SCHOOL - Green Twp-
Leo Pippinger, 1940-41
Teacher-

WAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL - 1930-1931

Front Row - Left to Right - Paul LeCount; Lelan Caldwell; Harold Magnuston; Robert Murphy; John Golden; Wallace Piggot; Glen Reidenbach; Chas Thompson; Enos Golden; John Martin; Robert Stuff. SECOND ROW - J. L. Tierney, Principal; Arnold Landon; Mary Neufer; Lois Smith; Virginia Altimus; Mary Blanche Frick; Virginia Cripe; Grane Gangwer; Helen Yeager; Sara Jones; Bernard Boyd; Dorothy Heffner; Violet Rice; Dorothy Murphy; Dorothy Smith; Cleo Swartzentruber; Cecil Smith; Rev. Burl E. Hoover, Teacher.
THIRD ROW - Lucille Schwab; Mary Hooten; Dorothy Frick; Lucille Yeater; Helen Crago; Velma Murphy; Alice Johnson; Don Poppy; Naomi Eberly; Ruth Shannon; Marie Poppy; Juanita Blankenhagen; Marcille Schwab; Marguerite Weaver; Olin Lower; Wallace Swank.
FOURTH ROW - Verlo Butz; Mary Domer; Ruth Herendeen; Evelyn Dull; Frances Kinnison; Coy Franks; Eleanor Hunter; Lillian Jacobs; Edna Peterson; Evelyn Rose; Mildred Ramer; Miss Lucille Spangler, Teacher; Evelyn Inks; Helen Frick; Barbara Harriet McCloughan; Bill Hunter.
FIFTH ROW - Keith Hicks; Bill Gates; Faye Herendeen; Herman HYeager; Helen Tice; Delbert Gard; Vera Emmert; Otis Stanger; Meta Jacobs; Eldon King; Thelma King; Rachel Mishler; ___; ____ Franklin,Teacher; Irma Shoemaker, Teacher; Flossie Jones; Joyce Frick; Eugene Stanger; Everett Dukes; Bob Inks.

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Disappearing Albion Landmark.

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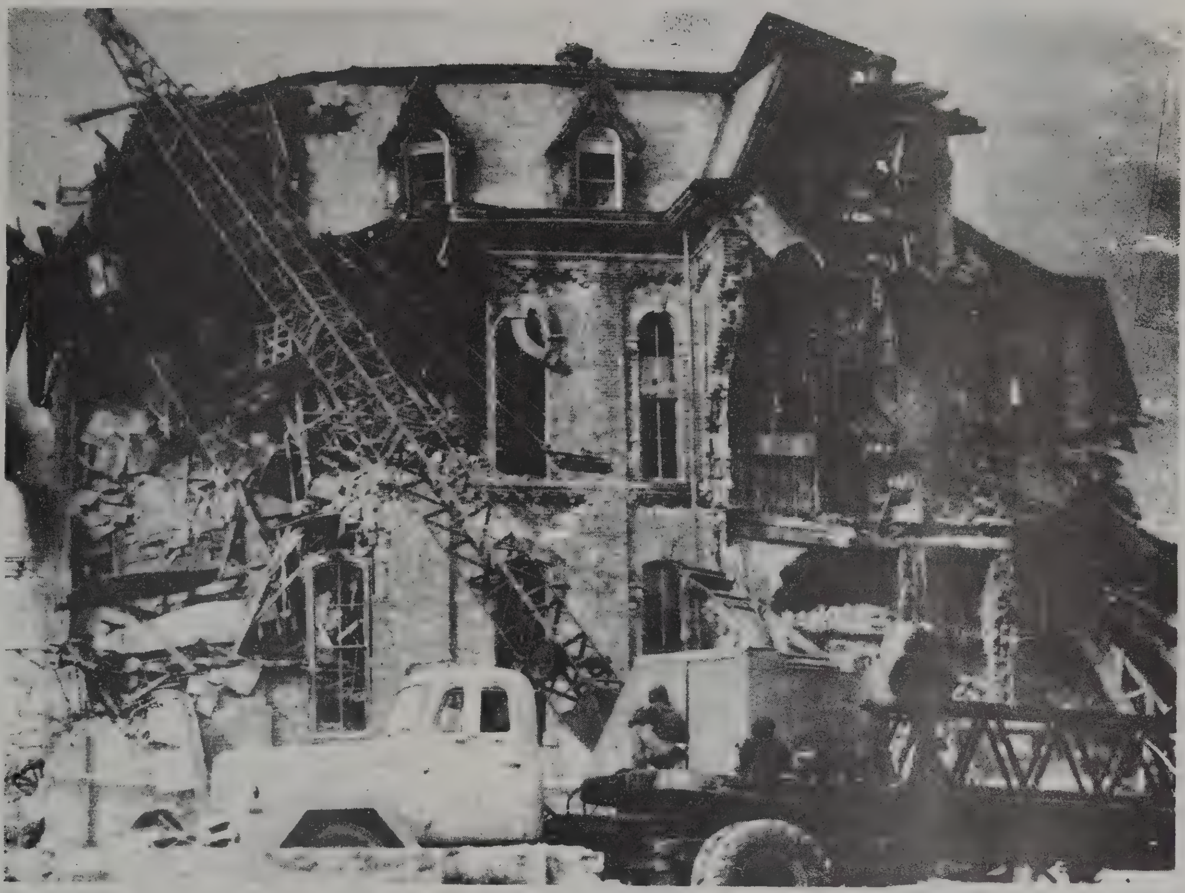

from Noble County American-1969 Photo by Grace Leatherman - 1969
Pictured is the old Albion School building just as the Indiana Michigan Electric began tering it down in March, 1969 to make room for a housing project. The old building was discarded for school use about 56 years ago (1980). Since that time it hd been used for many purposes--manufacturing overalls and work suits and later used as a wood novelty manufacturing plant. The housing I and M had in mind did not become a reality and several years later they sold the ground to the Gage family who along with FHA built an apartment complex for low income families and senior citizens known as Hickory Hill Apartments-1980-

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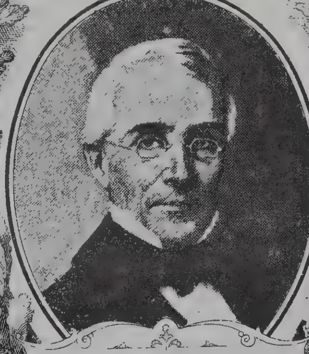
STATE OF INDIANA.

TEACHER'S STATE CERTIFICATE



"EDUCATION IS MORE THAN KNOWLEDGE;
IT IS KNOWLEDGE TRANSMUTED INTO CHARACTER.
THE TEACHER MUST INSPIRE AS WELL AS INSTRUCT."
CALEB MILLS.

STATE HIGH SCHOOL LICENSE.

Thurlo Hoover

having presented satisfactory evidence of good moral character and having been duly examined by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is found to possess a knowledge which is sufficient to enable h___ to teach the following high school subjects Science of Education
Commercial Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, Stenography

This **CERTIFICATE** *licenses the holder to teach the above subjects in any of the public high schools of the State for the term of* Twenty-four *months from this date.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my signature, and affixed the Seal of the State Department of Public Instruction this 31st *day of* July 1920

L. N. Hines
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

COMMON SCHOOLS THE HOPE OF OUR COUNTRY

Indiana Common Schools

DIPLOMA

This Certifies, ______________________________ of District No. __________

Township of ______________ County of ______________ having passed a creditable examination in Orthography, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar, Physiology, United States History, Agriculture, Domestic Science and Music and having sustained a correct deportment is granted this

Certificate of Proficiency

In Testimony Whereof, Our Signatures are hereto affixed,

this ______________ day of ______________ 19______

______________________________ County Supt.

______________________________ Trustee.

______________________________ Teacher.

WOLF LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
1912 1912

Commencement Program

Eight o'clock
Thursday Evening, April Eleventh,
Nineteen Hundred Twelve

PIANO SOLO---"Silver Spring Op. 6 Mason" - Max Rapp

INVOCATION - - - - - Rev. D. W. Gow

DOUBLE QUARTETTE---Vocal Gavote - - - -
George F. Wilson

ADDRESS - - - - - - Dr. Byron W. King

PIANO SOLO---Fifth Nocturne by J. Lebach Op. 52 - -
Fern Ling

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS - - M. R. Buckles

BENEDICTION - - - - Rev. W. E. Loveless

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CLASS ROLL

Ermal Bender Lottie Lindsey
Vera Goppert Bernice Smalley
Roy Buckles Florence Beers
Roy Harlan Jesse Targgart
Thurlo Holcomb Sammie Kuhns
L. Opal Beezley Clarence Mawhorter
Ruth N. Foster Lee Roy Smith
Prentice Wiley

Motto
Ad Astra per aspera

Colors
Red and White

Flower
Carnation

61st Annual Commencement Exercise

1944 Senior Class

Albion High School

GRADUATES

GREEN TOWNSHIP—

- Wanda Blowers
- Garold Boggs
- Ruth Anna Brown
- Ruth Weber
- Edith Winebrenner

YORK TOWNSHIP—

- Wayne Applegate
- Phyllis Black
- Robert Davidsen
- Jean Heintzelman
- Radean Hile
- Roy Lohrei, Jr.
- Laura Mangus
- Mildred Moore
- John Morr
- Earle Peffer
- Harriet Rimmel
- Melbadean Wolf
- Bill Weeks
- Bob Weeks

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP—

- John Parker
- Rosellyn Pankop
- Kenneth Parker
- Bernard Schreiber

ALBION TOWNSHIP—

- Phil Barker
- Robert Berkes
- Muriel Brill
- Geraldine Campbell
- Jay Davis
- Eloise Kiester
- Don Leatherman*
- Everett Leatherman*
- Nancy Payne
- Bud Schutt
- Don Schwab
- Edith Singleton
- Helen Ruth Solliday

CLASS OFFICERS

President	Phil Barker
Vice-President	Bernard Schreiber
Secretary-Treasurer	Muriel Brill

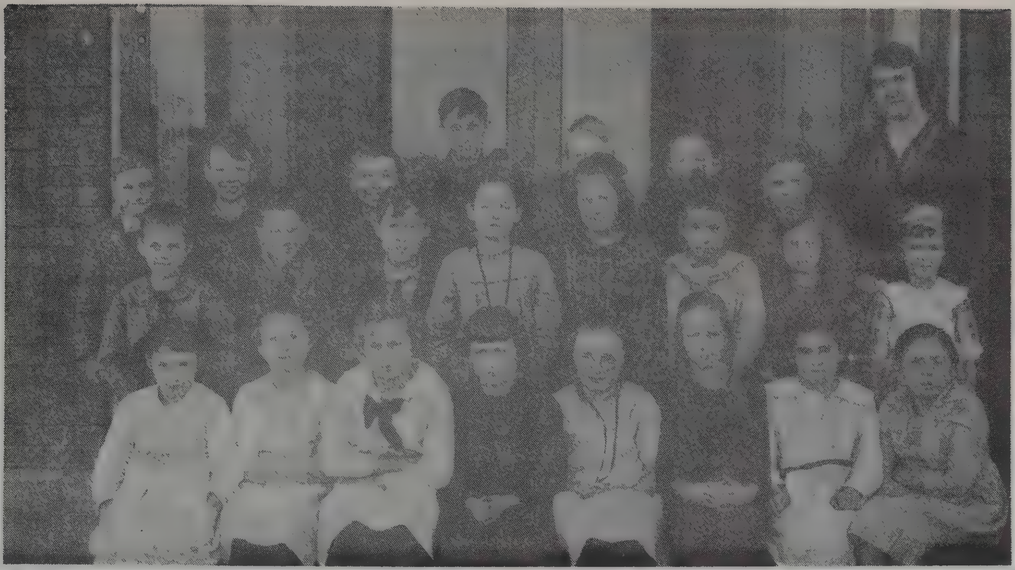
TRUSTEES

Green Township	Earlin Budd
Jefferson Township	Holly Marsh
York Township	Coral Werker
Albion Township	Mrs. Valeska Pippenger

County Superintendent
Herman J. Ward

Principal
Earle F. Parker

* Don—Army.
* Everett—Navy



1921-22 NORTH ELKHART SCHOOL - 3d and 4th Grades
Modelle Schwab - Teacher

Front Row- Florence Ramer; Lucille Yeager; Beatrice Boyd; Louise Daugherty; Mergel Gerver; Edith Yoder; Helen Crago and Lucille Dukes.
Second Row - Dorothy Frick; Kenneth Smith, Harlo Greenawalt; Mary Domer; Beulah Eberly; Evelyn Emmert; Pauline Reidenbach; Ida May Altimus.
Back Row - Clayton Nisley; George Stienbarger; Arthur Emmert; Sam Eberly; Tom Miller; Kenneth Schick and Robert Gard.

Photo Courtesy of Sam Eberleys-

1919 - 20 NORTH ELKHART SCHOOL - Fourth Grade
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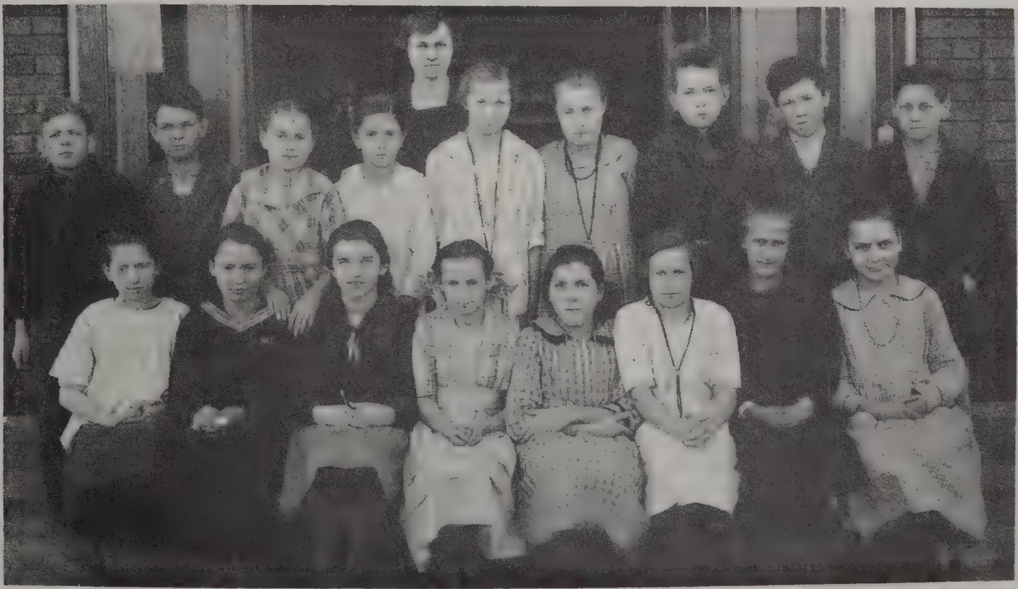

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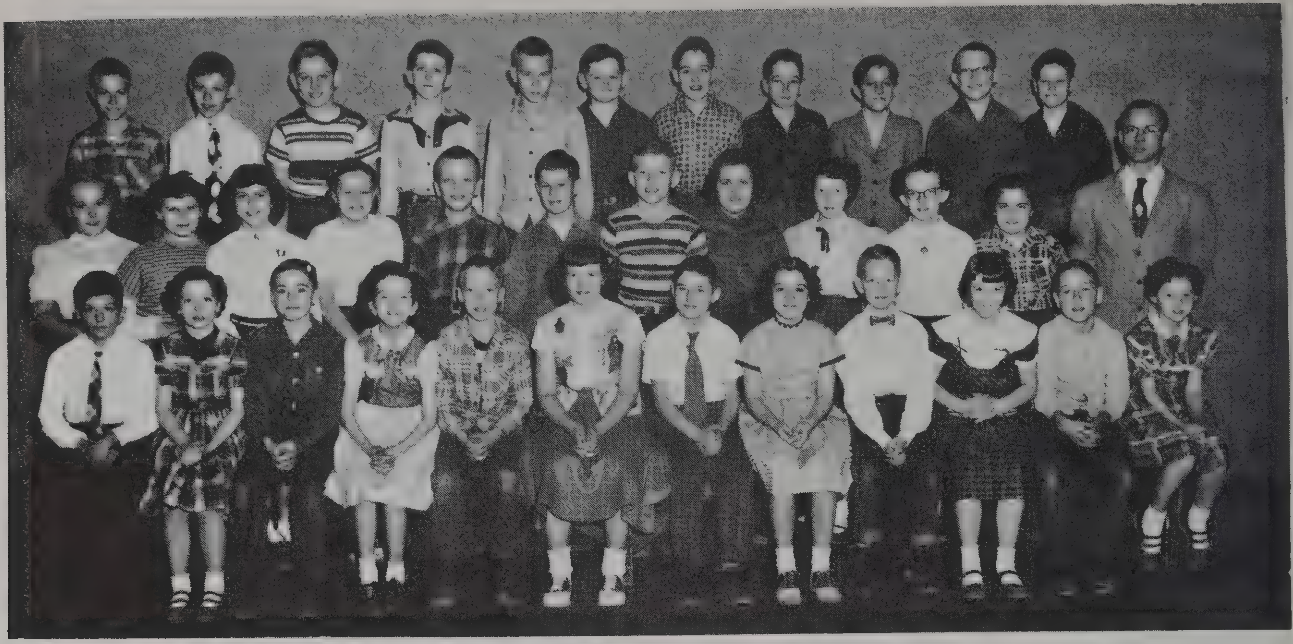

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